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**RAID AFTERMATH** : Israeli staff officers look over their plans for Tuesday night's raid on the Lebanese coast at their offices in Tel Aviv Wednesday. Israeli gunners began shelling Tyre later in the day.

### Bombs rock Tel Aviv

## Israeli gunners pound Tyre

**SIDON, Aug. 15 (Agencies)**—The cycle of violence in Southern Lebanon intensified Wednesday. Witnesses said Israeli border gunners were shelling the port city of Tyre, and Israeli radio reported two bombings in the Jewish state.

Telephone operators in Tyre, said the border gunners were shelling Tyre and the adjacent hamlets of Ras el Ain and Borgholiyah.

"Shells have just fallen in the fishermen's quarter (in Tyre)," a Sidon operator quoted his Tyre counterpart as saying. "People are scrambling into their basements for shelter. Others are fleeing to Sidon."

A Palestine Liberation Organization spokesman said Israeli

gunboats and border gunners were shelling the area. A communique from the combined Nationalist Lebanese and Palestinian forces in Southern Lebanon said two vehicles had been hit by shells from Israeli gunboats in the area.

The Israeli army in Tel Aviv said its raiders attacked near the coastal town of Adloun, about 15 kilometers north of Tyre.

In a related development, the Palestinian command reported that two bomb attacks "carried out by internal forces" rocked Tel Aviv Wednesday morning, a few hours after the Adloun raid.

"Our revolutionaries blew up the central military station north of Tel Aviv this morning, killing

and wounding at least seven of the enemy's army personnel, one of them an officer," the command said in a communique issued in Damascus and distributed in Beirut.

It also said that three Israeli vehicles were damaged in the explosion.

Another communique reported a second explosion at the Kfar Sava municipality, northeast of Tel Aviv, "killing and wounding an unknown number of persons."

Last Sunday the commando movement claimed responsibility for a bombing in a town 30 miles south of Tel Aviv.

The southern regions are policed by the eight-nation U.N. Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL). Israeli-supported militiamen loyal to renegade army Maj. Saad Haddad, holding a six-mile-deep border strip, have often been shelling nationalist and Palestinian targets in the southern region.

The Palestinians also said Wednesday they killed eight Israeli soldiers and captured one in an ambush in southern Israel 10 days ago.

The Arab Liberation Front (ALF), a pro-Iraqi commando group, said its men attacked a mobile patrol on the road between Majdal and Costana on Aug. 5.

The ALF communique, issued by the official Iraqi News Agency (INA), said one of the Israelis killed was a lieutenant. It identified the prisoner as corporal David Shamir.

In Beirut right-wing Christian militiamen slammed mortar bombs into Beirut port Wednesday and traded machine gunfire with Lebanese army and Syrian peacekeeping troops. Civilian traffic and port workers fled the area.

The port is the next area in which the reconstituted Lebanese army is expected to attempt to reassert the control it lost during the 1975-76 civil war between the Christians and Lebanese nationalists.

Half of the port compound is controlled by Phalangist gun positions in nearby Seifi and Majlis Harbi areas, and the other half is under control of the army and the peacekeeping troops, deployed in the vicinity.

## W. Sahara pullout completed

**RABAT, Aug. 15 (R)**—Mauritania was to complete its withdrawal from a desolate desert area Wednesday, leaving Morocco to battle for control of the Western Sahara against the Polisario guerrilla movement.

The guerrillas, who want independence for the whole territory, have vowed to carry the war deep into Morocco as well as in the Western Sahara where fighting is in its fourth year.

In the fiercest fighting so far, a total of more than 500 guerrillas and Moroccan troops were killed during a six-hour desert battle at the weekend, according to a government communique in Rabat.

The escalation follows Mauritania's decision to withdraw from Tiris el Gharbia, the southernmost sector of the disputed territory.

Tiris el Gharbia, now renamed by Morocco as Oued Addahab, is mainly featureless desert with no known economic resources. It covers about 90,000 square kilometers and has an estimated population of only 20,000 people, mostly nomads.

King Hassan II of Morocco formally declared the area a Moroccan province at a ceremony Tuesday when he accepted allegiance from tribal leaders of the region who were flown to Rabat.

Mauritania abandoned its claim to the southern third of the territory after signing a peace treaty with the Polisario guerrillas 11 days ago. The Western Sahara was ceded by Spain to Morocco and Mauritania in 1975.

The Mauritania decision left Morocco to bear alone the full brunt of the Algerian-backed Polisario Front's battle for independence.

## Turkey, PLO set terms for new Ankara mission

**ANKARA, Aug. 15 (Agencies)**—Turkey and the Palestine Liberation Organization on Wednesday signed an agreement on the status of a PLO office to be opened here.

The protocol, signed between foreign Minister Gunduz Okum and Farouk Khaddoumi, director of the PLO's political, calls for the establishment of a PLO office staffed by a mission chief and five officers. The chief of mission and two of his staff are to be accorded full diplomatic status.

The protocol calls for a "just, durable and comprehensive solution" to the Middle East question. "This can only be realized with the recognition of all the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people, including the right of statehood," it says.

Okum said Turkey's embassy in Beirut would represent Turkey in its relations with the PLO.

Khaddoumi said the pact represented a new step in Turkey's political, economic, cultural and social cooperation and relations with the Arab countries.

Khaddoumi told reporters he did not know when the mission would be opened nor did he reveal its location.

### Afghan attitude cited

## Pakistan aide cancels Kabul visit

**ISLAMABAD, Aug. 15 (R)**—Pakistan's presidential adviser on foreign affairs has cancelled a visit to Afghanistan because of "deliberate violation of the atmosphere" by the Afghan government.

An official spokesman said Tuesday that news of the cancellation was conveyed to the Afghan ambassador in Islamabad who was summoned to the Foreign Office Monday.

Pakistan Monday accused the Afghan authorities of kidnapping and harassing its diplomats in Kabul.

The Pakistani adviser, Agha Shahi, was due to leave for the Afghan capital next Monday for a second round of talks aimed at preparing for a summit of the two neighboring countries to ease tension in their relations.

The tension followed a military coup which installed the present pro-Communist Afghan government of President Nur Muhammad Taraki in April last year. More than 140,000 Afghan

refugees have crossed over to Pakistan since Muslim tribesmen took up arms against the Kabul government.

Pakistan's Foreign Office spokesman said that recent Afghan government actions had clearly suggested that it was not seriously interested in a dialogue with Pakistan.

## U.S. sailor charged with spying

**WASHINGTON, Aug. 15 (AP)**—A U.S. navy enlisted man was charged by a federal grand jury Tuesday with espionage and theft of top secret government documents on the international movement of drugs.

Yeoman 3rd Class Lee Eugene Madsen, 24, an employee of the strategic warning staff at the Pentagon, was accused of stealing the top secret documents and selling them to an FBI informer and an undercover agent.

The grand jury indictment means the panel of citizens believes the case should go to a full trial.

In an affidavit with a federal court in nearby Alexandria, Virginia, FBI agents said they began investigating the case after being contacted by Richard Noble.

**TEL AVIV, Aug. 15 (Agencies)**—Israel Wednesday claimed that a meeting between U.S. United Nations Ambassador Andrew Young and a Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) official was "a breach" of the Egypt-Israel peace treaty.

Speaking to reporters before leaving for a visit to the United States Deputy Prime Minister Yigael Yadin said the New York meeting three weeks ago has violated the Camp David peace accords.

"I must say openly that in fact a part on the peace treaty has been erased," he added.

The United States played a major role in engineering the treaty and the continuing negotiations it brought about for self-rule for Palestinians in the occupied Israeli territories.

Special U.S. Middle East negotiator Robert Strauss was also due to leave Washington Thursday for a visit to Israel and Egypt.

Yadin said Young's meeting with the PLO representative was viewed by Israel as "an absolute diversion from its former policy line."

He added that recent U.S. policy towards Arab countries also indicated a shift in favor of states who are strenuously opposed to the peace treaty.

The English-language daily *Jerusalem Post* said Wednesday that Young's meeting was not the only contact recently between U.S. and Palestinian officials.

The newspaper, in a report from Washington, said the U.S. ambassador to Austria, Milton Wolf, held a lengthy meeting with Issam Sartawi, a high PLO official, in Vienna before the meeting there last month between Chancellor Bruno Kreisky and PLO leader Yasser Arafat.

The agreement appears to give the PLO about the same diplomatic status in Ankara as Israel, which has a delegation headed by charge d'affaires.

After signing the accord Wednesday Okum wished the PLO "every success in their just struggle for an independent Palestinian state."

Khaddoumi replied that the government of Premier Bulent Ecevit had made a "timely and courageous decision" and said he hoped it would enhance Turkish-Arab relations.

The PLO mission is expected to be headed by a deputy of Khaddoumi, Abu Firas, one of the PLO envoys who mediated during last month's Egyptian embassy siege.

The attack reflected a split within the PLO, according to Arab diplomats here, and Turkey's tough stance against the four Palestinians who attacked the embassy appeared to have the blessing of PLO chief Yasser Arafat, they added.

The four belonged to the "eagles of the Palestine Revolution," part of the Syria-backed Saqqa branch of the PLO.

### Young unrepentant

## Israel claims peace violated



**EARLIER TALK** : U.S. Ambassador Andrew Young shown talking with Lebanese representative Ghassan Tuani at the United Nations last year.

The *Post* claimed Wolf's meeting was unauthorized, like the one held between Young and the PLO delegate to the U.N., Zehdi Terzi. Interviewed by Israel radio on the eve of his visit to the United States, Yadin reiterated Israel's persistent refusal to deal with the PLO.

He added: "If ever the PLO will

be recognized by some as a partner to the negotiations about the peace with Israel, that means that Israel will be out of the game.

"So everybody will have to think twice what they want. They want to negotiate with the PLO what should be done here or they want to negotiate with Israel what should be done here," he said.

### Meets Khaddam

## Khomeini gets Assad's message

**TEHRAN, Aug. 15 (R)**—Syrian Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam Wednesday called on Iran's unofficial head of state, Ayatollah Khomeini, with a message from President Hafez Assad, state radio said.

It did not disclose the contents of the message delivered, by Khaddam, who arrived in Iran earlier Wednesday at the head of a delegation.

He was accompanied to the Holy City of Qom for the meeting with Ayatollah Khomeini by his Iranian counterpart, Ibrahim Yazdi.

The radio quoted Ayatollah Khomeini as telling the Syrian Minister: "If Muslims each poured a bucket of water on Israel the flood would sweep it away."

He called on Muslim countries to set aside their differences and unite and called on nations to treat despotic regimes as Iranians had treated the Shah.

A high religious holiday Wednesday brought relative calm to Tehran, as Iranians mourned the death of their first Shiite muslim leader, Hazzate Ali in the 7th century.

Unlike the past three days of scattered violence in the capital between Muslim extremists and



Ayatollah Khomeini

leftists, the city was almost quiet Wednesday.

The round-the-clock sit-down started Monday night hours after religious zealots sacked the headquarters of the Marxist oriented Fedayeen guerrilla organization. Revolutionary guards then occupied the building.

Iran's spiritual and revolutionary leader, Ayatollah Khomeini, was at his residence at the Holy City of Qom, 100 miles south of Tehran marking the religious

The cabinet decided to send Yadin to the U.S. following several weeks of strained relations between the two countries caused by sharply differing views on current negotiations aimed at granting autonomy to Palestinians in occupied Arab territories.

But Young, was unrepentant Wednesday, after being reprimanded.

Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, reflecting President Jimmy Carter's views, expressed his displeasure to Young Tuesday over the meeting and his widely differing versions of it, the State Department said.

But Young said: "I acted as an intelligent ambassador dealing with a difficult situation and I did what I thought was in the best interests of my country."

Young, a leading figure in the U.S. civil rights movement, has repeated to the PLO envoy remarks he had been making to other diplomats about the timing of a Security Council debate on the Middle East.

mourning day. However, state radio said he took the time to meet with visiting Syrian Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam and accompanying Syrian officials.

The Fedayeen said in a circular Wednesday that they would not be calling any demonstrations for the time being.

"In view of the present atmosphere created by reactionaries and also out of respect for traditions during the days of mourning of (the holy month of) Ramadan, the Fedayeen will not hold any mass demonstrations until a further decision is taken on Saturday," the statement read.

The guerrilla group which played a central role in the February revolution which toppled the monarchy, said it wanted to avoid clashes between rival groups.

The spate of violence began last Sunday when several hundred people were injured in running battles between leftists and Muslim militants during a left-wing demonstration called in defence of press freedom.

Student sources at Tehran University said the faculty of letters was shut Wednesday after a group of Muslims broke into a class and beat two unveiled women.



**WOUNDED** : Friends help a wounded man away from Sunday's clashes in Tehran between rightist militants and leftists protesting the closure of several Iranian newspapers. Since the riots, the Iranian government has banned all demonstrations in Tehran.

### U.S. sources cited

## Syrians said getting new Soviet tanks

**WASHINGTON, Aug. 15 (AP)**—The Soviet Union has sent Syria some of its new T-72 tanks, rated by U.S. army officials as clearly superior to the American M-60 tanks supplied to Israel, U.S. intelligence sources say.

It is uncertain whether this is the beginning of a major upgrading of Syria's tank forces by the Soviets or a one-time shipment of a limited number of T-72s, the U.S. analysts said.

Israel has not reacted publicly to the arrival of 50-to-60 T-72 tanks in the Syrian port of Latakia aboard a Soviet ship late last month.

U.S. intelligence sources said the tanks were moved into central Syria, far back from any possible confrontation with Israeli forces.

An estimated 150 to 200 Syrian technicians already have been trained in Moscow to maintain the T-72s, said the sources, who asked not to be named.

Syria is one of the principal confrontation states

bordering Israel, and has led the political attack on Egyptian President Anwar Sadat for making peace with the Israelis.

There is potential for clashes between Israel and Syria as a result of repeated Israeli air and ground attacks against southern Lebanon.

In late June, Syrian MiG 21 fighters challenged Israeli warplanes, including advanced U.S.-built F-15 jets, over Lebanon. The Syrians lost six MiGs without destroying any of the Israeli-piloted F-15s, but the Syrians say they did shoot down two other Israeli planes.

The bulk of the roughly 2,500 Syrian tanks are older models, although there are some 800 fairly recent T-62s.

Israel's army can muster 3,000 tanks of mixed types, including some 800 M-60s, which are currently the main U.S. battle tank. Last month, Israel ordered 200 more M-60s.

## India accuses Pakistan of building nuclear bomb

**NEW DELHI, Aug. 15 (AP)**—Prime Minister Charan Singh on Wednesday accused Pakistan of trying to make the atomic bomb and warned that if it continues India will reconsider its policy renouncing nuclear weapons.

"If Pakistan continues in its efforts to make the bomb, and continues to collect material for it, we shall have to reconsider our earlier view," Singh told a cheering independence day rally.

Pakistan has steadily denied that it is using nuclear power for anything other than peaceful purposes, a denial repeated again this week by a senior government minister.

The Pakistani government has said its nuclear program is devoted to producing energy, and it has said it will not start an arms race on the Indian subcontinent.

Singh became India's fifth prime minister last month.

Speaking from the ramparts of the 300-year-old Red Fort, built by Mogul conquerors who preceded the British rule of India, Singh said Pakistan's nuclear program

"poses a danger to India's peace and security. The bomb is aimed against us."

"We know they are making it," the 76-year-old prime minister said in a 27-minute speech, his first statement on nuclear policy as prime minister.

Singh's predecessor, Morarji Desai, had pledged that India would use atomic energy for peaceful purposes and would neither make nor possess nuclear weapons.

A crowd estimated in the hundreds of thousands witnessed the traditional independence day ceremony. (See related story, Page 14)

Soviet Vice President Peter Y. Strautmanis, currently on a 10-day visit to India, was the guest of honor.

Singh became prime minister last month after he and his supporters defected from Desai's government and party, formed a coalition with the opposition Congress Party and accepted the support of former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's party.

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## Eventual home in Kingdom

## Mobile Islamic exhibition to be organized

By Anne Whitehouse  
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LONDON, Aug. 15 — Prince Muhammad Al-Faisal and various Islamic organizations and societies are to sponsor an exhibition of Islam, which will be displayed around the world for five years before being permanently sited in Saudi Arabia.

The exhibition, one of the world's largest mobile exhibitions, will display features of past and present Islamic civilizations. It will include examples of Islamic art and science, Islamic towns, mosques, pilgrimage and trade.

The plan, to cost £30 million, is expected to be approved shortly.

The organizer of the exhibition, the Islamic Environmental Research Council, says that the final negotiations for the project will be completed shortly.

The IERC helped organize the World of Islam Festival in Britain in 1976.

After its dedication in 1982, the exhibition will be moved first to Paris. Then it will go to New York, Chicago, San Francisco, Tokyo and Jeddah. It will be permanently sited in Saudi Arabia.

Consultants, architects and exhibition designers have been working side by side with ulama

and researchers for more than two years to decide the contents of the exhibition and make preparations.

The exhibits will be housed in a huge balloon.

The temperature inside can be controlled.

Islamic art will also be displayed, films showing some aspects of Muslim life and cultures will be shown, as will a completed mosque and a model of Dome of the Rock mosque in Jerusalem.



Prince Muhammad Al-Faisal

## Chief Ulema will probe exploitation of foreigners

JEDDAH, Aug. 15 — Ulema will discuss after the holidays the exploitation of foreign workers by companies that make them pay for their stay and sponsorship in Saudi Arabia, *Al-Jazirah* reported Wednesday.

The Chief Ulema of the Board of Religious Guidance have noted that some firms in Saudi Arabia are importing workers of various nationalities and withholding part of their monthly pay

against their stay in the Kingdom under the companies sponsorship.

The board will discuss, Sept. 1 the inconsistency of such practices with the Sharia (Islamic law), which is the source of legislation in all fields in Saudi Arabia.

A board member, Sheikh Abdul Razzaq Affi, said that the practice was also incompatible with government legislation on the import of foreign labor in Saudi Arabia.

## With large donations

## Kingdom aids Lebanon charities

BEIRUT, Aug. 15 (SPA) — Saudi Arabia Tuesday gave 100,000 Lebanese Pounds to two humanitarian organizations in Lebanon.

Ambassador Sheikh Ali Al-Shaar handed over two checks for 11,500,000 each to the representatives of the National Council of Social Services and Lebanese Child Care Union, on behalf of the Saudi government.

Shaer told the organizations' representatives that Saudi Arabia and King Khaled cared for the welfare of Lebanon.

They thanked King Khaled and Crown Prince Fahd for their assistance to the charities in Lebanon.

## Public Response

JEDDAH, Aug. 15 (SPA) — Governor of Riyadh Prince Salman, chairman of the Islamic Welfare Society, said Tuesday that the eleventh list of donations amounted to SR 5.7 million.

With this, the total amount of donations received by the society formed in June has reached SR 198,944,500.

SR 5 million has been received from Akram, Ojeh, SR 500,000 from Projects and Trade Company (Abdullah Anqari and Partners), SR 100,000 from the Arabian-American Oil Company, SR 50,000 from Sulaiman and Abdul Mohsen Al-Rasis, SR 40,000 anonymously, SR 25,000 from Ismat Mohieddin Nazer, SR 10,000 from Abdul Aziz Muhammad Sudi, SR 5,000 from Mahoum Al-Muajil Al-Faraj Establishment, SR 3,000 from Muhammad Saleh Ba Ishin.

Prince Salman thanked the donors, and invited the public to send in their donations.

## Technology talks to be addressed by SASO head

RIYADH, Aug. 15 (SPA) — Director of the Saudi Standards Organization Dr. Khaled Yusuf Al-Khalaf will leave Sunday for Vienna to represent Saudi Arabia at the U.N. Science and Technology Conference which will be held from Aug. 20 to 31.

Dr. Khalaf will present a paper on the Saudi attitude to technology transfer.

About 4,000 representatives of more than 15 countries will participate in the conference.

Riyadh Philanthropic Society announced Tuesday that it has received further donations of SR 776,600.

The society has received SR 250,000 from Sheikh Abdul Rahman Hassan Al-Sharbaty, SR 100,000 from Riyadh Bank, Riyadh, SR 100,000 from Sheikh Ridah Mahmoud Abbar, SR 100,000 from Sheikh Ibrahim ibn Saidan, SR 50,000 from Sheikh Ahmad Jawad Ilimi Dar, SR 50,000 from the sons of Sheikh Muhammad Al-Saad Al-Ajlan, SR 40,000 from Abbar and Zainy Company, Riyadh, SR 20,000 from Sulaiman and Abdul Mohsen Al-Rasis.



Sheikh Ali Al-Shaar

## Many of Plan's targets reached, Khuwaiter says

TAIF, Aug. 15 (SPA) — Minister of Education Dr. Abdul Aziz Khuwaiter said Tuesday that the present five-year Plan has achieved all its objectives in building schools, training teachers, developing educational syllabus plans and improving textbooks and teaching methods.

Khuwaiter said that the aim of the plan in education was to develop the principle of regular schooling. It is not compulsory in the Kingdom.

He said that the results of the first session of examinations this year were quite as expected.

Minister of Higher Education Sheikh Hassan ibn Abdullah

Al-Sheikh said Tuesday that inviting more companies, in addition to the company now engaged in the work, to complete work on King Abdul Aziz University in Jeddah on time has been discussed.

The Higher Board for King Abdul Aziz University, in a meeting here presided over by Sheikh Hassan, formed a committee to investigate the question and approved last year's final accounts.

Sheikh Hassan added that the General Presidency for Girls' Education will open a women's faculty of the university in Taif. The university is carrying out preliminary studies on opening a branch in Taif.

## Rain falls in Taif

TAIF, Aug. 15 (SPA) — Rain fell on and around Taif after a long drought Tuesday.

## Hassan's brother in Taif

TAIF, Aug. 15 (SPA) — The brother of King Hassan of Morocco, Prince Abdullah, arrived here Tuesday from Medina. He was received at the airport by Second Deputy Premier and Commander of the National Guard Prince Abdullah, Deputy Commander of the National Guard Prince Badr and a number of senior officials.

## Jeddah loop progressing

JEDDAH, Aug. 15 — Basic work on the highway east of the new Jeddah airport has been completed, *Al-Bilad* said Wednesday, quoting Muhammad Abdullah Osrah, the director of Jeddah's roads department. The road starts from intersection Kilo 12 on the Jeddah to Mecca road, passing through the new airport until it joins Medina Road.

## Cashiers' deadline extended

RIYADH, Aug. 15 (SPA) — Minister of Finance and National Economy Sheikh Muhammad Aba Al-Khail has extended the deadline for unlicensed shop cashiers to register three more months. During that time they must obtain licenses.

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## 1975: Datsun Exports Hit 5 Millionth Mark

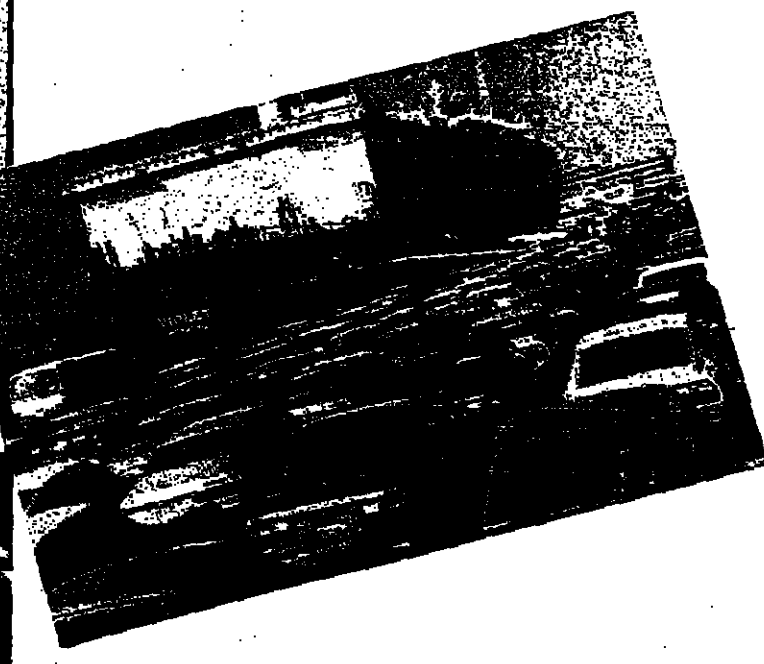
1975 will always be a very important year in the history of Datsun. It was the year that witnessed the 5 millionth export vehicle emerge from Nissan's production line.

Naturally, there was a fitting ceremony in Tokyo to mark the occasion. And in attendance was Sheikh Ahmed A. Alsulaiman, President of Siraj H. Zahran and Co., Datsun distributor in Saudi Arabia.

In fact, the historic vehicle is right here in the Kingdom. A Datsun Pickup distinctively painted gold, it appropriately pays homage to the singular position Datsun gives to the Kingdom in its operations.

But, if 1975 was an essential year in the history of Datsun exports, an even more important one is due not long from now. Nissan expects its exports to break the 10 million record before the decade is over.

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# Eritreans vow to strike ties inside Ethiopia territory

DAMASCUS, Aug. 15 (R) — An Eritrean guerrilla leader has threatened to strike targets deep inside Ethiopia if government forces continued pushing for a military solution to the conflict in Eritrea, theater of Africa's longest war.

"If the Ethiopians continue their military campaign in Eritrea, we will carry out operations deep inside Ethiopia," Abdullah Idriss, military chief of the Eritrean Liberation Front-Revolutionary Council (ELF-RC) said in an interview with Reuters.

"We will hit targets in Ethiopian cities, including Addis Ababa," he said.

The ELF-RC is one of the two major organizations fighting for the independence of Eritrea, Strategic province of crucial importance to the balance of power in the Horn of Africa. Eritrea has a 1,000 kilometer (600

miles) coastline with the Red Sea. Carrying the war into Ethiopia would be a major turning point in the guerrillas' 18-year fight for independence from Ethiopia. So far, the guerrillas have preferred to meet Ethiopia's troops on Eritrean ground.

The Soviet-backed military rulers in Addis Ababa last year launched a massive offensive which drove the secessionists out of a string of Eritrean cities and bank into the wild mountains and rolling, sun-scorched savannahs of the province.

Idriss said the guerrillas had staged a number of operations south of the Eritrean border last year, when they hit Ethiopian supply and communications lines in the province of Tigre.

Just south of the border, Tigre has a secessionist movement of its own, the Tigre People's Liberation Front (TPLF). The guerrillas

chief said attacks on Ethiopian targets in the province had been staged in cooperation with the TPLF.

But the Eritreans had not so far moved against targets in any of the 14 provinces of a former empire of disparate ethnic and linguistic groups.

The young left-wing officers who toppled emperor Haile Selassie in 1974 adopted his policy of trying to crush the Eritrean rebels, fearful that the secession of the province would prompt the collapse of the vast country.

Western military experts said that a campaign of hit-and-run attacks by the well-trained, highly-organized Eritreans could cause considerable problems to the military rulers in Addis Ababa, already plagued by food shortages.

Ethiopia has asked for international help to fight famine in the provinces of Wollo, Gojjam, Shoa and the country's economy is severely sapped by the high cost of fighting the war in Eritrea.

"You can't stop a famine by decree," Idriss said, "And you can't solve economic problems by slogans. This war is costly to the people of Ethiopia as well as to Eritrea."

ELF-RC Chairman has reportedly offered direct negotiations to Addis Ababa, saying continued war was counter-productive.

Idriss said that the guerrillas had cut supply routes to all major garrisons in Eritrea. "They are all being supplied by air, with Antonov transport aircraft covered by MiG-fighters."

He said heavy fighting was continuing around the northern city of Nakfa, where the Ethiopians were trying to reopen a supply route from the Red Sea.

They were confronted by fighters of the ELF-RC as well as the other major guerrilla group, the Eritrean People's Liberation Front (EPLF). "The organizations are fighting under a joint command," Idriss said.

Often at odds and locked in bloody disputes in the past, the ELF and the EPLF earlier last March decided to pool their resources and reorganize their forces.



INJURED: Young demonstrator, injured in bloody clashes Sunday between Muslim guards and protesters against alleged censorship and suppression of Iranian newspapers, is carried into a clinic.

## Afghan rebels kill 30 Russians

ISLAMABAD, Aug. 15 (R) — Up to 30 Soviet civilians were killed by rioting Afghans when they visited a Muslim shrine at Kandahar city in southern Afghanistan on Sunday, guerrilla sources said Wednesday.

Sources in the Afghan guerrilla movements fighting the Soviet-backed government of President Nur Muhammad Taraki said 15 Afghans were also killed.

The Russians were part of a tour party being escorted by police on a visit to the Kherqua Barrak shrine in the old part of the city.

The sources said pilgrims also visiting the shrine attacked the Russians and shooting broke out.

The sources said that Kandahar was under a dusk-to-dawn curfew and troops were patrolling the streets.

Afghanistan's interior minister, Lt. Col. Watanjar, visited Kandahar on Monday to assess security following the attack, the sources said.

The Soviet Union has several thousands civilian and military advisers in Afghanistan.

In March 50 Russians were killed and their bodies mutilated during an uprising in Herat near the Iranian border.

Most advisers live in heavily

guarded compound in major cities. After the March attack dependants of Soviet officials were sent home except for families of diplomats in Kabul, Western diplomats reported earlier this month.

Four of the six main insurgent groups fighting to topple the government have agreed to join forces.

A communique said the new movement, formed after nearly a year of unsuccessful efforts to unite rival groups, would be called

## Israel's El Al loses \$24 million

TEL AVIV, Aug. 15 (R) — Israeli airline El Al lost \$23.9 million during the 1978-1979 fiscal year, company officials said Wednesday. They said it was the first time in 12 years that the company's balance showed a deficit. The previous fiscal year ended with a profit of \$10,000.

El Al officials said \$16.5 million of the deficit resulted from a 21-day strike which grounded the El Al fleet in 1978. Another major reason for the losses was termination of the profitable route to Tehran.

## From Bangladesh Pakistanis abandon march

DACCA, Bangladesh, Aug. 15 (Agencies) — A proposed 2,000-kilometer march by stranded Pakistanis from Bangladesh across India to their homeland fizzled out Tuesday as both India and Bangladesh sealed their border, but scattered violence by stranded Pakistanis continued.

The Bangladesh government prevented would-be marchers from assembling in Dinajpur, about 10 kilometers from the international border and 400 kilometers from Dacca.

N.C. Pal, inspector general of the Indian Border Security Force, said there was no marchers anywhere on the 2,000-kilometer India-Bangladesh border.

Troops of both countries were out in force to prevent the march from taking place.

A mob including Pakistanis demanding repatriation burned at least two buses and some private vehicles in Karachi Tuesday, marking celebrations of Pakistan's 32nd independence day.

The arrest of the movement's leaders by Bangladeshi authorities and the increased border patrols by Indian paramilitary police seemed to have thwarted the Muslims' plans.

India's Border Security Force Deputy Director Hargobind Bhatnagar told reporters no marchers had crossed the border but the increased guard would be kept up for a number of days.

The official news agency quoted officials as saying some marchers had gathered at the border town of Saidpur but later began returning to their camps and a BSS official in Dinajpur, northern Bangladesh, said about 30,000 non-Bengalis there had also dispersed.

Border forces Director-

General S.K. Tandon said Tuesday night his men were prepared to meet any eventuality. Unconfirmed reports here said the force had orders to open fire if necessary.

Tandon said after visiting the border area that police had been told to prevent the non-Bengalis from crossing under all circumstances.

Reports from across the border said the non-Bengalis had assembled at Dinajpur and Rangpur in northern Bangladesh and Khulna in the south.

Most of the marchers leaders had been arrested by Bangladeshi authorities, the reports said.

Bangladesh has assured India of its full cooperation in preventing what the Bangladeshi high commission in Calcutta called the "hazardous and unwelcome march."

## Iranian trade mission visits Copenhagen

COPENHAGEN, Aug. 15 (R) — Iran's Finance and Economy Minister Ali Ardalan and Vice-Minister Mohammed Ali Mohlavi arrived in Denmark Wednesday for a two-day visit.

The Iranians are to meet Danish Foreign Minister Henning Christensen, Trade Minister Arne Christiansen, and Agriculture Minister Niels Anker Kofoed, a Danish official spokesman said.

The delegation comes to Denmark from Brussels, where it held Iran's first formal talks with the European Economic Community (EEC) since the fall of the Shah earlier this year.

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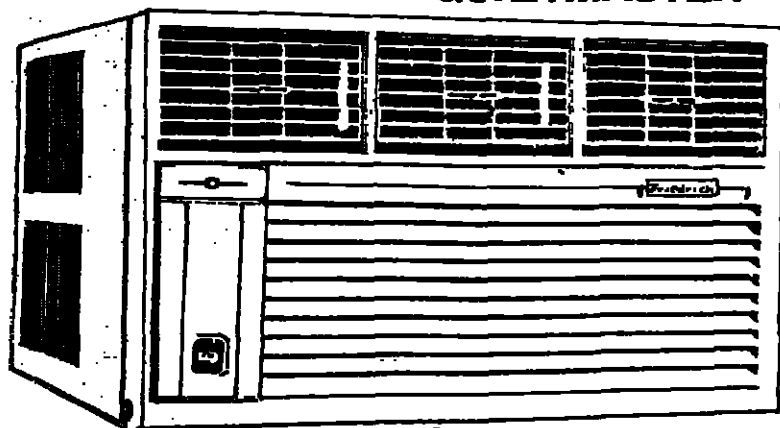
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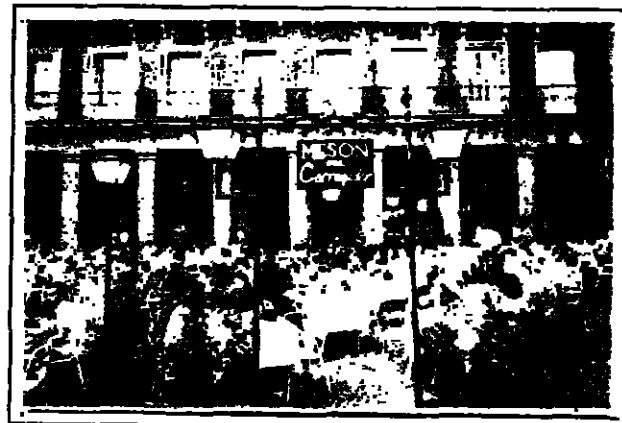
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## India death toll in dam disaster could be 25,000

NEW DELHI, Aug. 15 (R) — Unofficial estimates of the possible death toll in the western Indian flood disaster ranged Wednesday between 15,000 and more than 25,000.

Agents at Bombay for insurance interests said the number of dead was now expected to exceed 25,000, with colossal damage also reported.

Official figures say about 1,000

## Rebels surrender in India

NEW DELHI, Aug. 15 (AP) — A leader of an underground movement fighting for independence from India has surrendered with 104 followers.

According to reports reaching here Wednesday, Bhakshunga, a former commander-in-chief of the banned Mizo National Front Army, led the surrender in Aizawl, capital of Mizoram Territory. The territory is about 450 kilometers east of Calcutta.

Those who gave up the 13-year armed fight against India included Lalsangliana Sailo, son of the territory's top elected official, Chief Minister Thenphunga Sailo.

Lalsangliana left school in 1966 to join the insurgents when the rebellion flared under the leadership of Lal Denga.

died when a towering dam burst and water rushed down on the industrial town of Morvi in Gujarat State last Saturday.

The town itself was reduced to a virtual heap of mud.

Gujarat chief Minister Babubhai Patel said the dam burst was caused by the state's heaviest rains in 10 years.

Local political leaders said the death toll could reach 15,000. Rescue workers are still digging through the mud for bodies.

Patel said a siren warning had been given the night before the dam burst.

But the warnings could not be continued later because the power failed.

State officials said 500 bodies had been recovered by Tuesday and these were being cremated, according to Hindu tradition.

But a macabre dispute flared between volunteer rescue workers and police over the pace of body disposal.

The volunteers wanted to carry out swift mass cremations to prevent disease but police insisted on completing the legal procedures on each body before handing it over for disposal.

One press photographer who visited Morvi said "wherever you put your foot in the mud you strike a body."

Helicopters dropped food to people marooned by floodwaters in villages near Morvi, which had a population of 70,000.

## National Executive revolt

## Callaghan attacks leftist power bid

LONDON, Aug. 15 (AP) — Labor Party leader James Callaghan, prime minister until last May, Tuesday hit out at moves to give more power to his party's left wingers.

A left wing revolt against the moderate party leadership in the Commons has been developing in the party's National Executive Committee since the election defeat. The rebels, led by former Energy Minister Tony Wedgwood Benn want to strip the party lead-

ership of much of its power and patronage, and among other things pick the party leader in the Commons. At present, the leader — automatically the prime minister when the party is in power — is elected by his fellow MPs.

This proposal by the National Executive, declared Callaghan, "has aroused great antagonism and a great number of Labor members have expressed themselves very forcibly in opposition to it. They have informed me that



WAITING IN JAPAN: A crowd of vacationers sits on Tokyo's Gensho station last weekend, part of the mass exodus of city dwellers every summer weekend. Trains north from Gensho were filled to twice their rated capacity.

## Anniversary of VJ Day

## Japanese remember war dead

TOKYO, Aug. 15 (AP) — Japan observed the 34th anniversary of the end of World War II Wednesday with ceremonies and services in memory of about 3.1 million Japanese killed.

Thousands turned out at 27 major ceremonies in 22 states.

At noon a one-minute prayer of silence was observed throughout the nation while government bells sounded sirens and temple bells were tolled to honor war dead.

About 6,200 people from bereaved families gathered at the Budokan Martial Arts Gym-

nasium in Tokyo in a national ceremony sponsored by the government.

Emperor Hirohito, who was at the Tokyo ceremony with Empress Nagako, said in an address: "Every time I think of the people who fell in the war, I feel as if my heart will break. I and with all of the Japanese people mourn for their souls."

Representing the government, Prime Minister Masayoshi Ohira told the audience, the biggest turnout ever in the last 17 such ceremonies, "we have to learn and digest the lessons of the last war to establish and promote world peace."

Tuesday night, about 6,000 youths of 13 religious groups gathered at a cemetery for the war dead in Tokyo to present flowers and folded paper cranes for the remains of about 307,000 unknown soldiers.

South Korea on Wednesday celebrated what is for it the 34th anniversary of its liberation from Japanese colonial rule with ceremonies and an amnesty.

Before dawn, the government paroled 43 political prisoners and 818 common criminals from 30

prisons across the country. Among them were 44 college students convicted of engaging in anti-government activities.

Many had expected more positive government steps on national day since President Carter, who visited here June 29-July 1, asked Park enhance political freedom commensurate with domestic economic progress.

## In Salyut-6

## Cosmonauts prepare for reentry

MOSCOW, Aug. 15 (R) — Two Soviet cosmonauts nearing the end of a record breaking space mission are continuing to shut down their Salyut-6 orbiting station, but officials remain silent on the timing of their return to Earth.

Mission commander Vladimir Lyakhov, 38, and engineer Valery Ryumin, 39, began the lengthy operation of switching off the station's systems over a week ago, and official reports said they were preparing to return to earth after almost six months in orbit.

Soviet space chiefs do not announce details of their plans, but Western experts believed the pair might make the return flight aboard their Soyuz-34 descent module soon, after Moscow Radio reported their final medical checks.

But apart from a routine progress report by Tass there was no word of the cosmonauts' return 24 hours later — an indication that it is set for later this week.

There was no explanation for the apparent delay. Lyakhov and Ryumin, who celebrates his 40th birthday on Thursday, blasted off from Soviet Central Asia Feb. 25.

The pair broke the record for space endurance a month ago when they passed the 139-day mark reached by two of their colleagues aboard Salyut last November.

Unlike the two previous marathon missions to the 19-ton station, Lyakhov and Ryumin have not had visits by other Soyuz

crews. Two missions by two-man Soyuz craft were called off because of problems with a rocket motor.

Soviet space chiefs have acknowledged that the pair have come under considerable extra strain because of the prolonged isolation.

But official reports say the cosmonauts have stood up well to the monotony and have fully carried out the program of experiments planned for the flight.

The two men have been preparing for their re-entry into the Earth's gravity by wearing a "vacuum" suit which simulates conditions on earth.

## Three Mile Island builder argues for nuclear power

NEW ORLEANS, Aug. 15 (AP) — The chief executive of the builder of the nuclear reactors at Three Mile Island in Pennsylvania said Tuesday that the United States is slipping behind in nuclear technology.

James Cunningham told shareholders at the annual meeting of J. Ray McDermott and Co. that despite the March 28 accident in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, the country must continue its atomic power research programs.

"America is slipping farther and farther behind in nuclear technology," Cunningham said. He also charged "there is a lack of energy leadership in the United States."

McDermott's Babcock and Wilcox unit built the damaged reactor as well as one that was unharmed in the accident at Three Mile Island.

Nuclear power systems account for 14 per cent of McDermott's \$3.1 billion annual revenue.

Several federal class action suits have been filed by Harrisburg-area people and companies against McDermott and Babcock and Wilcox.

A hostile crowd of about 60 attended the Lancaster briefing to boot, laugh and jeer at the officials.

Meanwhile, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission on Tuesday gave tentative approval to a plan for 280,000 gallons of contaminated water at the plant. A system to treat the water, in storage tanks, has been constructed. Another system, to treat another 550,000 gallons of highly contaminated water deep in the containment building, has not yet been designed.

In addition to the water treatment and the venting of the containment building, a company recovery report outlines steps to repair the plant. The report, prepared by the Bechtel Power Corp. A nuclear engineering firm, says:

— The plant, one of two nuclear generators on Three Mile Island, will be ready to go back into operation by June of 1983. The other plant is also shut down, but the utility hopes to restart it next year.

— Teams of experts will go into the containment building, possibly by the end of this year.

— A spray system will be used to flush the inside of the containment building with nine million gallons of recycled water by early next year.

— The reactor core's 14-meter-high carbon steel container will be opened by the spring of 1981, so technicians can see the uranium fuel.

— The reactor's 100 tons of uranium, about 60 per cent of which is damaged, will be removed by the fall of 1981.

## Firm friendship seen

## Guinea leader's U.S. trip successful

NEW YORK, Aug. 15 (AP) — President Ahmed Sekou Toure of Guinea ended a week-long private tour of the United States on Tuesday with warm praise for his reception and future relations between his country and the United States.

The 58-year-old leader, an historic figure in Africa for his breakthrough declaration of independence from the French 21 years ago, ended his stay in New York after coast-to-coast visits with political and business leaders.

"We wish to assure you categorically of our determination to cooperate with the United States extensively and in a lasting

way," he told a group of some 200 at the African-American Institute here.

Relations between Guinea and the United States had been shaky for years as Sekou Toure courted Soviet assistance. But recently, relations with Washington have improved, reaching a zenith with Sekou Toure's American visit, his first in 15 years.

While in Washington last week, he met at the White House for more than an hour with President Carter, Secretary of State Cyrus Vance and others. Both sides affirmed a commitment to strengthened cooperation.

A primary reason for Sekou

Toure's trip, which was not an official state visit, was to encourage more American investment in Guinea.

He said on many occasions that he was particularly impressed with what he regarded to be a vast improvement in black-white relations, noting that the mayors of Washington, and Los Angeles are blacks.

Sekou Toure arrived in New York Monday afternoon and dined with the Ambassador to the United Nations, Andrew Young.

After a scheduled visit to a school in Harlem, Sekou Toure was to fly back to Conakry in a presidential Boeing 747.



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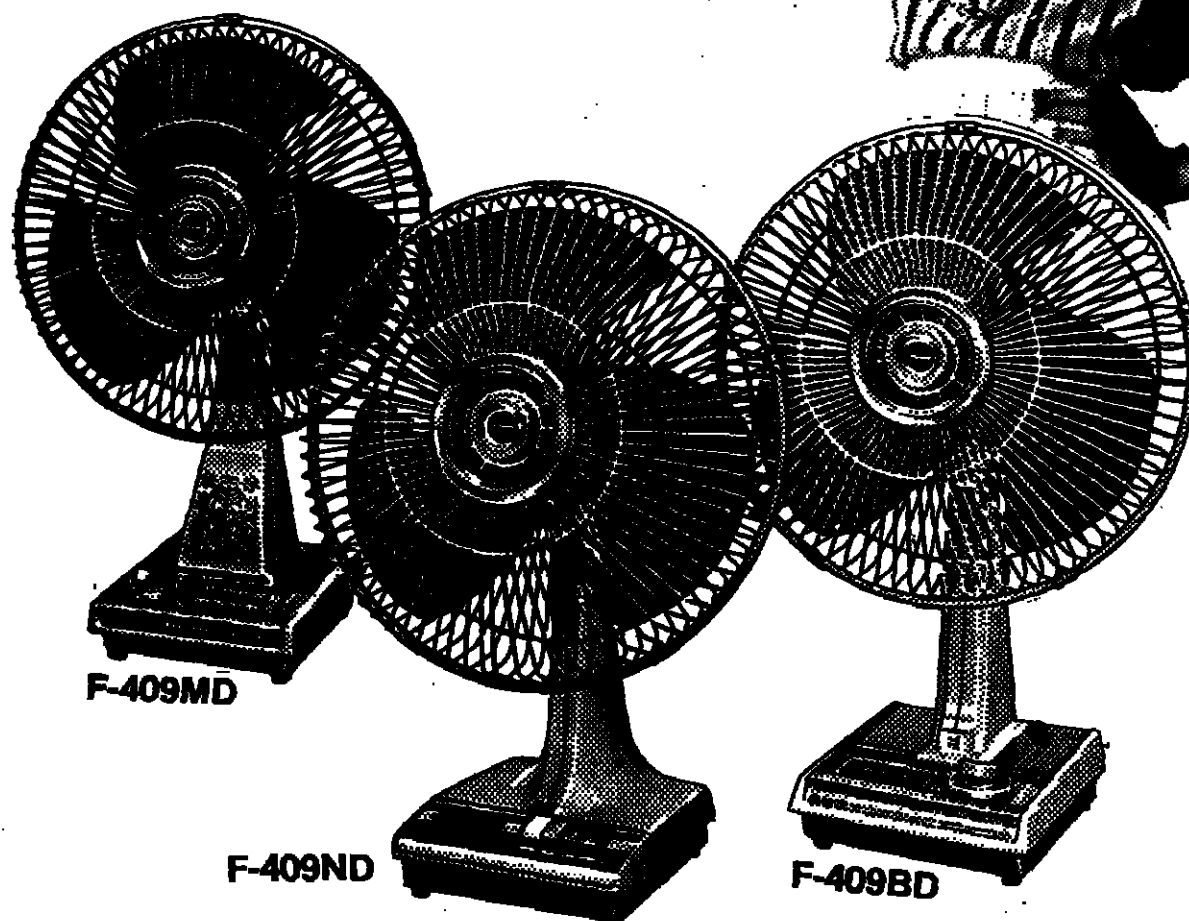
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Over gas purchase rules

East bloc said upset by Romanians again

MOSCOW, Aug. 15 (AP) — Romanian President Nicolae Ceausescu, the most independent-minded leader in the Warsaw Pact, is again disrupting Communist solidarity, angering fellow East European leaders and in the process ruining tens of thousands of summer holidays.

Western observers here suspect Romania's surprise move demanding that East European tourists buy gasoline only with Western currencies caught the Soviet leadership off guard.

The observers also suspect the Soviets are most upset because Ceausescu's new dictate lends unwelcome publicity to the fact that the members of the Warsaw Pact operate on a dual currency system.

For interbloc trade they rely on convertible rubles, but when they must buy something from outside they have to scrounge up scarce Western money.

Romania's hunger for Western money to pay for its oil imports from the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries is seen as the reason for the surprise gasoline purchase rules set in place Aug. 1.

The Romanian government announced the new rules July 26, just six days before they became effective. Few East European tourists were able to put their hands on the \$14 Romanian border guards began demanding of tourists for a trip across the country or the \$28 expected if the foreigners were planning a Romanian holiday.

Each summer thousands of East

German, Poles, Czechs and Hungarians flock to Black sea resorts in Romania and neighboring Bulgaria. The quickest auto route to those resorts cuts across Romania.

Long-arranged vacations fell apart at the Romanian-Hungarian border Aug. 1 when the Eastern Europeans were denied permission to travel any further unless they had the Western currency they would need for gasoline purchases.

So far only Czechoslovakia has managed to arrange an extension for its tourists and that runs out Aug. 31. All the East bloc nations protested through their official press and all the governments also sent official delegations to Bucharest to negotiate.

Before the surprise move, members of the Soviet bloc economic council Comecon had paid Romania for gasoline purchases by their tourists in convertible rubles.

The Romanians could take the rubles and buy goods and services from any other Comecon member.

But Romania, the only Comecon member that does not import Soviet oil and produces about 60 per cent of its own needs, is feeling a balance of payments squeeze because it must buy OPEC oil with dollars. Rubles and other East European currencies have no value on the world money markets.

Some observers here say there are rumors that Romania has made pitches to buy Soviet oil and been rebuffed. That leads to



Nicolae Ceausescu

speculation that Ceausescu is trying to play his strongest card by setting Comecon into turmoil over the treasured holiday time and pressure the Soviets to sell him oil.

Best estimates here show that Comecon members buy Soviet oil for about 60 per cent of the world market price.

That the Soviets were caught off guard by the swift Romanian policy is reflected in the official press here which has carried only one short article about the vacation turmoil and long lines of motorists at the Romanian-Hungarian border.

Refugees reportedly face squalor in remote islands

SINGAPORE, Aug. 15 (AP) — Life in the Anambas Islands means little food, sometimes no water and the crudest of shelters for some of the Vietnamese refugees who have drifted there, says an American involved in relief work.

The refugees are relatively comfortable now, however, compared to what may happen when the monsoon season hits this year.

He says many refugees may be killed if they remain on tiny, low-lying islands during the monsoon season.

Mooneyham, president of World Vision International, returned to Singapore aboard the relief vessel *Sanswara* Tuesday after carrying 12 tons of food, medicine and other supplies to the remote Indonesian islands.

Mooneyham said the Indonesian government is trying hard to help the 26,000 refugees in the island, but faces formidable obstacles.

"Tanjong Pinang, the administrative center is about 153 miles from the Anambas Islands. There are no deep water ports. The water is shallow, and only small wooden sampans can be used," Mooneyham said. "The Indonesian government lacks money and boats."

Mooneyham estimated there are 12 to 15 camps, ranging from 63 refugees on one island to 11,000 on another. They live in caves and even under boulders if they have not been able to build thatched huts, he said.

On mountainous Siantan Island, Mooneyham said 3,500 refugees were living like "ants" in crowded conditions, with two small streams to provide water. On Berhala Island, 1,700 refugees have no water at all, but row to another island for supplies daily.

"Many refugees suffer from malnutrition and malaria," he said, adding that the *Sanswara's* doctors and nurses treated 316 Indonesians and refugees during their one-week visit.

Pol Pot rebels claim victory

ASEAN Cambodia huddle seen

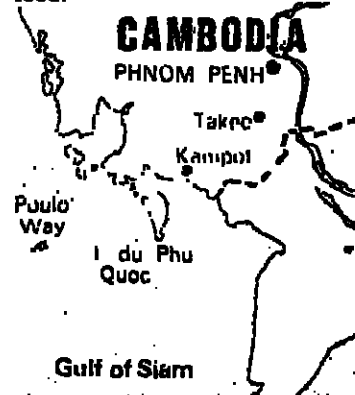
KUALA LUMPUR, Aug. 15 (AP) — Several Asian and Western nations are quietly pursuing the possibility of an international conference to mobilize relief for starving Cambodia, diplomats said here Wednesday.

They expect the foreign ministers of the Association of South-east Asian Nations to discuss the possibility of a conference when they meet here Thursday.

ASEAN's members — Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia and the Philippines — fear another wave of refugees if Cambodia's food shortage are not eased quickly, the diplomats said. The Malaysian foreign minister is expected to visit Hanoi in the next few weeks and he may raise the possibility of a conference with the Vietnamese, they said.

In 1970 the population of Cambodia was estimated at about seven million; it is now believed to be about four or five million because of the murders attributed to the Pol Pot regime, the current war and the exodus of refugees, they said.

Crops have been burned in the fighting between Pol Pot loyalists and the Vietnamese and Phnom Penh forces. Planting has stopped, and there is an acute shortage of food.



The sources estimate that as many as two million Cambodians may starve to death in the next few months unless food is provided. The sources indicated that the United States is not among the Western nations seeking to convene the conference.

Meanwhile, Pol Pot's forces claimed they have "liberated" two villages in a key province and killed 302 Vietnamese in recent fighting, the Voice of Democratic Kampuchea said Wednesday.

The guerrillas and Cambodians at Sombro District of Kratie Province then continued to attack Vietnamese-led forces, the broadcast monitored here said.

The broadcast said the fighting was concentrated in northeastern provinces of Retanakiri, Mondul-kiri and Kratie where the Thai military believed that Pol Pot troops were attempting to cut supply routes from Vietnam.

Pol Pot forces claimed Tuesday that Vietnam had sent fresh reinforcement into several key provinces to prepare for a new major offensive. But Thai military sources said they had received no report of Vietnamese fresh reinforcement into Cambodia, although they confirmed that there was a major movement of Vietnamese forces in Cambodia.

Madrid to attend meeting of nonaligned as observer

MADRID, Aug. 15 (R) — Spain, which has a defense agreement with the United States, has decided to attend the Havana nonaligned summit as an observer.

Foreign Minister Marcelino Oreja announced the surprise move Monday after the return of Prime Minister Adolfo Suarez from a Latin American tour, which included talks with U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance in Quito.

He said Spain would not be represented at ministerial level, but no decision had been made on who would head the delegation.

Oreja stressed that Spain's participation, for the first time in a U.N. committee meeting on arms, achieves little

nonaligned meeting did not mean a shift of policy regarding NATO. But the decision, believed to have been taken several weeks ago, has caused difference within the ruling Union of the Democratic Center (UCD).

The UCD is pledged to NATO membership, but the government has been evasive about joining the Atlantic pact, a move strongly opposed by the Socialists and Communists, and has said a full national debate will be necessary before a decision is made.

Under an agreement expiring in 1981, the United States has three military bases on Spanish territory.

The reasons behind Spain's decision are not clear.

Oreja was quoted as saying Spain would attend because the venue was a Latin American country.

Cuban President Fidel Castro is expected to visit Spain in the autumn.

Spain, which sees itself as a bridge between Europe and Latin America, will take advantage of the Havana meeting to strengthen links with Latin American countries and the Third World, diplomats said.

Spain has also been invited to attend as an observer the forthcoming ministerial meeting of the five Andean Pact member countries.

Foreign ministry sources said that Spain wanted to be present at discussions, likely to take place in Havana, on the issue of the Western Sahara and Equatorial Guinea, two of its former colonies.

Spain has admitted it had advance knowledge of the coup which overthrew President Francisco Macias Nguema of Equatorial Guinea earlier this month.

Babies allegedly tortured by S. American regimes

SAO PAULO, Aug. 15 (AP) — A human rights group Tuesday published the names of 99 babies and children it said have disappeared because of acts of repression by military regimes in Argentina, Chile, Uruguay, and Paraguay.

Some are believed to have been tortured and murdered, but there is hope many are still alive and a search is being mounted to look for the children, the group said.

In a press conference, the cardinal of Sao Paulo, Paulo Evaristo Arns, said a three-year-old boy, Toto Landi, was one of five Argentines and two Uruguayans abducted recently in Paraguay.

Arns, who has actively defended human rights in Latin America, said he received the information in a phone call from near the Brazil-Paraguay border with a request to pass on the details to "our friends in Paraguay."

The informant, whom Arns refused to identify, claimed the seven were kidnapped by Argentine and Uruguayan police acting in Paraguay.

Rev. Jaime Wright, a Brazilian who is a member of the Committee for the Defense of Human Rights in the Southern Cone (of South America), said in an inter-

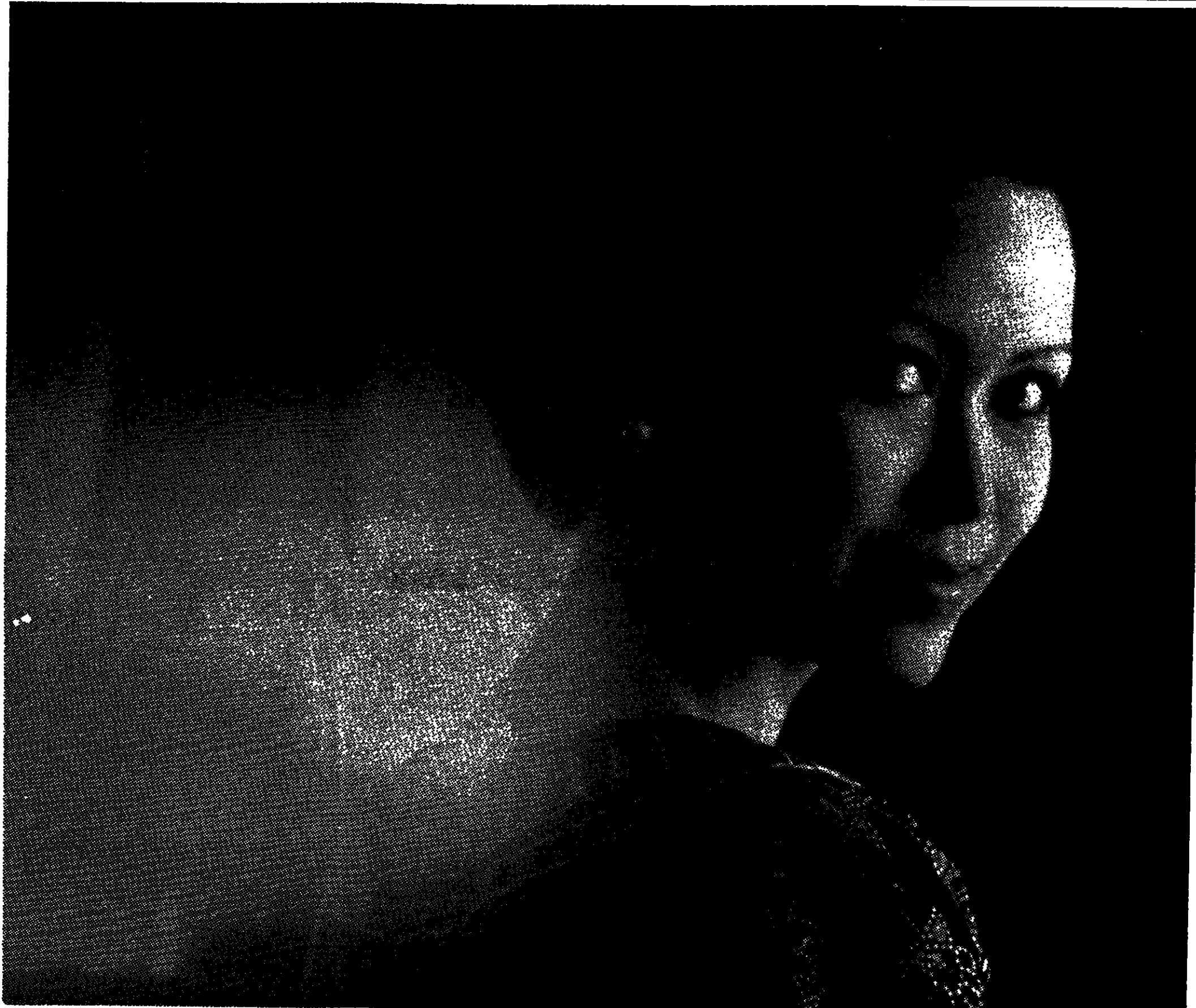
view, "This simply confirms our concern that there is a joint police effort in the Southern Cone nations."

Aside from the three-year-old Toto, his parents and three others also were seized, according to Arns. Arns said the group was being charged with trying to reorganize the Tupamaro Armed Opposition Group. He did not say where they were being charged or held.

A human rights commission, which acts under the guidance of Arns, provided the names of 99 children missing because of what it called governmental repression. It said it was publishing the details concerning the children and some of their pictures to help locate survivors.

The commission reported 21 babies and 24 adolescents were abducted with their parents. Some of the adolescents, such as 15-year-old Floreal Avellaneda, an Argentine who was seized with her mother, were reportedly tortured. The commission revealed that a body, which appeared to be that of Floreal, was found Aug. 16, 1976, on the Uruguayan bank of the River Plate.

It also gave out a list of 54 babies born in confinement to mothers who were pregnant when kidnapped.



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## A firm hand on the Fed's helm

By Hobart Rowen

WASHINGTON — When President Richard Nixon determined in early February 1973 that the U.S. dollar had to be devalued for the second time in 14 months, he sent his then Under Secretary of Treasury, Paul A. Volcker, on a secret mission. Volcker, who had played a key role since 1969 in a series of gold and dollar crises, tucked his 6 ft. 7-in. frame and every-present cigar into an Air Force plane and headed for Tokyo, then Bonn.

In the West German capital, his gangling frame almost blew his cover, when a German reporter spotted him.

Later, with the dollar deal in his pocket, Volcker telephoned the details to Treasury Secretary George Schultz. Nixon announced it Feb. 12, 1973, and a new era of fluctuating exchange rates was formally launched.

But the hopes that Volcker and others then had that the leading nations of the world could work themselves back to a greater sense of monetary stability have never been fulfilled. Primary reasons being world-wide inflation and recessions that have followed.

Now, as Volcker moves from the presidency of the New York Federal Reserve Bank (at \$110,000 a year) to the chairmanship of the entire Federal Reserve system (at \$57,500 a year) he will once again have to confront a tense international monetary situation, the key element of which is a weaker dollar.

In a sense, there is a crisis of confidence in the Carter administration's erratic behavior — one that Volcker's mere appointment may do much to subdue. In fact his appointment alone was enough to halt some of the dollar's slide.

Most financial specialists agree that Volcker is uniquely qualified for the job, although one former Federal Reserve chairman frequently referred to him as "just a technician." In some ways, Volcker's promotion is the natural culmination of a career of concentration on matters of high international finance.

Robert V. Roosa, of Brown Bros. Harriman, himself once an Undersecretary for Monetary Affairs (and frequently considered for both the Fed and Treasury top roles) said recently:

"Paul must be the only man in this country, with the kind of experience he has had for over 25 years in the Federal Reserve, the Treasury, and the commercial banking system. Remember, this experi-

ence has been at the top level — and there's nobody in the whole world of international finance that Volcker doesn't know."

Volcker is nominally a Democrat. He served not only in the Nixon administration, but as an assistant treasury secretary in the Kennedy administration. "You could call him non-political," said former Treasury official Herman Liebling.

He tends to be conservative. Thus, in the past several months, in his role as a member and vice-chairman of the Federal Reserve Open Market Committee — the top policy group of the Fed — Volcker voted in a minority against Chairman G. William Miller. Volcker wanted a somewhat tighter monetary policy to slow down inflation and protect the dollar.

Volcker's preoccupation with international monetary affairs and the recent record of his votes suggest that he may tip the Fed toward a slightly tougher monetary policy than Miller's. Moreover, since Volcker himself is likely to be replaced as president of the New York Federal Reserve Bank with an equally conservative voice, who in turn will become a member and vice-chairman of the Open Market Committee, the entire group may have a slightly more restrictive stance.

"He's not doctrinaire," said a former colleague. "Paul will do whatever is needed to do the job. But you can mark this down: Even in this recession. He's not going to lose sight of the need to keep inflation from getting a new lease on life."

The financial community expects not only a somewhat firmer line on monetary policy from Volcker than it had been getting from Miller, but a tighter-tipped chairman, more in the tradition of the past.

In the view of some, Miller talked too freely — on the record — about too many things, including some that were not strictly the preserve of the federal reserve.

That's likely to change. In his various Treasury positions, Volcker was co-operative in explaining technical issues at press conferences called for such purposes. But he was skeptical of the need to make further elaborations to newsmen or to deal in extensive "background" conferences.

To a reporter who happened to be at a small private dinner party with him just before he left the Treasury, Volcker said: "we put out all you fellows need to know in press releases. Why don't you just print them?"

Volcker will find it hard to follow that tough a public relations policy. But Miller's open door, if not slammed shut, won't be left ajar. — (WP)



## Suddenly, in Managua, to be a reporter meant something

By Stanley Meisler

MANAGUA —

In post-Somoza Nicaragua, the magic word is "periodista," Spanish for journalist.

On the day that the Sandinista rebel army overran Managua and ended the two-month-old civil war, Nicaraguans, crowded in trucks festooned with bunting in Sandinista black and red, hoisted rifles in the air, cheered whenever they spotted a car carrying the sign "periodista." Since then, a journalist, at any Sandinista roadblock, simply has to say, as if it were a password, "periodista," to obtain a deferential wave onward from a soldier. Impatient throngs, packed together in the heat at rallies, will suddenly part for any forward-moving periodista.

This kind of respect and adulation for the press is very rare, and may prove ephemeral here, but it has its logic in Nicaragua. Perhaps most important, the killings of two journalists may have played a part in the downfall of President Anastasio Somoza Debayle, who resigned July 17 and fled to Miami, and the Sandinistas have not forgotten.

The first journalist victim was Pedro Joaquín Chamorro, owner of the anti-Somoza newspaper, *La Prensa*. He was gunned down on Jan. 10, 1978. Many outsiders here think the act was too stupid to be the responsibility of Somoza himself, and that it probably was ordered by some misguided followers. The murder of Chamorro led to a general strike against Somoza and an irreparable breach between the president and the business community of Nicaragua. Chamorro's widow, Violeta, is now a member of the Sandinista-appointed regime that

governs Nicaragua.

The second victim was an American, Bill Stewart of ABC News, executed at a checkpoint in Jung by a soldier of Somoza's National Guard. The soldiers at the checkpoint evidently mistook Stewart's young Nicaraguan interpreter for a Sandinista sympathizer, and decided to kill both without trying them, arresting them or even asking questions. The killing, captured on videotape by an ABC cameraman, shocked U.S. audiences and probably contributed to a swell of anti-Somoza feelings in America. The State Department, in fact, cited the videotape as evidence in its call on the Organization of American States to condemn Somoza. The Sandinistas are very conscious of the role of Stewart's death in the propaganda war against Somoza.

On top of this, the Sandinistas probably feel that they received a sympathetic press during their long struggle against Somoza. Many journalists, including Americans, took them seriously while Somoza tried to dismiss them as dope-addicted Communist bandits. And the excesses of Somoza in trying to repress them were carefully chronicled by the international press, to Somoza's disadvantage.

During the week that Somoza fled and the Sandinistas won the war, the *National Review* magazine published a lengthy article by Norman L. Wolfson, a former public-relations aide to Somoza, who accused the American press of an obvious bias against Somoza.

But journalists have feelings and attitudes just like anyone else, and it would not be surprising if a large number of them forecast Somoza's demise, perhaps because of the death of Stewart, perhaps

because it was so obvious that the end was near. Some journalists did not seem to mind expressing their feelings and attitudes openly, even to aides of Somoza. This does not mean that the bias necessarily showed in their stories.

Civil wars seem to breed terrifying acts of cruelty, which often are seized by propagandists in the battle for international support. But these acts cannot be ignored, no matter what the bias of the reporter. In the Spanish Civil War, a journalist did not have to be anti-Franco to report that Guernica had been bombed. In the Nigerian Civil War, a journalist did not have to be anti-federal government to report that Biafran babies were dying of malnutrition, and, in the Nicaraguan Civil War, a journalist did not have to be anti-Somoza to report that he was bombing his own people.

Toward the end, the Somoza regime and its short-lived successor made some half-hearted attempt to censor the news. Maximiliano Kelly, the personal secretary of Somoza, announced a few days before the end that the National Guard had decreed that all news must be submitted to censors before being placed on newspapers. If an objectionable story later appeared in a newspaper, Kelly said, and it was discovered that it had never been submitted to censorship, the writer would be expelled from the country.

Kelly was asked to detail what the censors would be after. He said, for example, that they would object to anyone calling the Nicaraguan Congress "a rubber-stamp congress." Asked if he could cite an incident when it had refused to pass a bill submitted by Somoza, Kelly said, "I don't want to get into

any arguments." Asked if the censors would object to stories about reports of young Nicaraguans who were tied up, blindfolded, executed by the National Guard and then dumped by Lake Managua, Kelly said, "that would be okay."

A few hours before Somoza's successor, Dr. Francisco Urcuyo, fled Nicaragua, an official of the Ministry of Information showed up at the Inter-Continental Hotel to announce that he was the new censor. He announced that only one international call could be made from the hotel at any one time, and that he would monitor it. But, with more than 50 journalists at the hotel, clamoring for the telephone all at once, while others punched away at a telex machine, the task soon became formidable. The censor stood up after 15 minutes, said he would return soon, and left for good.

Morale was low for journalists during the 18 hours between the moment that Urcuyo abandoned the capital and the Sandinistas finally occupied all of Managua. No one was in charge of the country. A strange anarchy ruled, with frightened and armed National Guardsmen wandering about, unsure of what to do next. After midnight, a German mercenary of the National Guard, known only as Mike, robbed three journalists at gunpoint in their rooms at the Inter-Continental Hotel. He smashed one on the head with his gun.

There was an obvious sense of relief when the "enemy" finally arrived in the capital, occupied the city with efficiency and calm, moved into the old bunker headquarters of Somoza, strolled through the lobby of the nearby hotel and began treating journalists with respect. — (LAT)

## THE NECESSARY MOVE

One thing is clear in all the uncertainties that surround the situation in the Middle East: It is that the ball is still firmly in America's court. The hopes which the Arabs as a whole, the Palestinians among them, have expressed for a change in America's position on the Middle East conflict have to be treated seriously. America's required move has to be within the rules of the game. There is a danger that these hopes are taken by others as signs of weakness on the Arab side, rather than proof of sincere desire for a just peace in the area and general security for the international community.

The problem is that the American administration appears not to realize the crucial responsibility placed upon its shoulders at present, a responsibility not merely towards the Arabs or peace in the area, but towards American and international interests there too. President Carter is now in a unique position to resolve the issue in the Middle East, a position no American President before enjoyed. Yet nothing comes from Washington but prevarications, contradictions, false starts.

The Arab side has given President Carter one chance after another, has been prepared to forget many a lapse, has been more than helpful when internal difficulties appeared to threaten him. All to no avail.

This, as yet has caused no hardening of the Arab stance, in fact, quite the reverse. The PLO has now joined the Arab states which seek to establish friendly relations with the United States, as Yasser Arafat made clear in his recent interview with the *Washington Star*. In that interview he also declared his readiness to send a high level delegation to the United States whenever the latter wished to start negotiating.

In the recent meeting of the Palestinian Central Council there was a definite shift towards a more moderate stand, one which even the hitherto hardline organizations accepted. All this to prove the seriousness of the Palestinians about finding a solution for the Middle East crisis, and to facilitate a commensurate American shift towards a more equitable stand towards them.

Carter must be aware of the crucial role played by the Arab oil producing countries in preparing the way for an atmosphere favorable to an American-Palestinian-Arab dialogue. He must equally be aware of the embarrassing position he will be placing them in if he disappoints such hopes, and concedes to Zionist pressures currently applied on him.

As to the conditions President Carter has made for negotiating with the PLO, all that can be said about them is that they lack both rationality and justice. The demand that they should first recognize Israel and UN Resolution 242 means in effect that they would surrender all their bargaining chips before the game starts. Yasser Arafat has pointed this out when he refused to answer a question from the *Washington Star* reporter regarding recognition of Israel. He said that it would be most unfair to demand that he show his hand fully at such an early stage.

This is something the American administration understands very well. American insistence on such conditions can only mean an attempt to shift responsibility for the failure of all peace efforts onto the Arab side. It is Israel, the illegal occupying power of Arab lands, which must be pressured first to concede its misdeeds, not the homeless Palestinians. Instead, the current official trend in the United States is towards more assurances to Israel, more promises of support and declarations of friendship. All for the sake of Zionist pressure groups in the United States.

Things being now the way they are, Begin's representative to America, Yigal Yadin, can look forward to a successful visit. He can hope, after all the speculation the American administration allowed about its initiative for a truly "comprehensive settlement," for a "new page" in American-Israeli relations. He can expect America's crucial help in scuttling the proposed amendment for UN Resolution 242, due to come before the Security Council meeting on August 23rd.

Will the Arabs stand impassively in such an eventuality? Will they forego the available means of counter-pressure, the oil weapon among them? President Carter must know, with the Presidential election being so near, that the weapon can play a major part in deciding his fate, unless he is ready to recognize what can no longer be denied, the right of the Palestinians to full self-determination. He must also realize that he has already lost the Jewish vote in the United States, whatever he might choose to do now.

Threats of using oil as means of pressure, the Arabs are well aware, are not to be made lightly. Yet what choice will they have left if President Carter chooses to forget his promises almost as soon as he makes them? How else can they remind him that they too, and not only the Israelis, have important cards in their hands?

## The joy of fighting and dying for \$6.50 a month

By Dan Connell

SAHEL, Eritrea  
Fourteen soldiers of the Ethiopian army sat in a semicircle on the sandy river bank facing the guerrilla fighter of the Eritrean People's Liberation Front (EPLF). Two others lay shivering with malaria under a nearby tree.

"I hate fighting," said one 24-year-old member of Ethiopia's peasant militia. "I said to myself, 'let it be,' when chance came, I left the frontline."

The 16 men were deserters from the army who had left their posts in the embattled Red Sea territory of Eritrea within the past three weeks. Promised safe conduct to neighboring Sudan by the Eritrean guerrillas, they spoke ruefully of the costly victories won by the Russian-backed Ethiopian forces late last year. And they described a military stalemate since the which has left the rank and file of the army frightened and demoralized.

They said they were conscripted into the militia through local peasant associations and sent here to fight for 20 Ethiopian birrs (\$13) a month. Half of this, they said was taken from them as a compulsory contribution to the "call of the motherland."

They came from all over Ethiopia and have been at the frontline for the past 13 months, since the opening of the government's all-out campaign to regain control of Eritrea, a strategic coastal territory which has been fighting for independence for 18 years.

The men calmly described spectacular and sometimes tragic military exchanges in which hundreds and occasionally thousands of their countrymen were killed by the elusive guerrillas.

A 19-year-old peasant from Tigray province told of his experience in the battle of Elabared last November when his 400 man unit met a force of the EPLF.

Groups of herdsmen appeared on both flanks and

soon the Ethiopians were surrounded, according to his account. Abruptly, the shepherds took out guns to join the battle and within two hours, only 140 of his countrymen remained alive, he said.

Another 30-year-old peasant from Wollega recounted the virtual annihilation of the 508th Task Force (10,000 men in five brigades) in fighting five months ago near the EPLF-held town of Nakfa where another campaign is under way today.

He said he watched a 500 man force of the elite Flame Brigade and a 500 man battalion of the peasant militia enter the battle. Only 80 of the militiamen and 14 of the regular soldiers returned, he said.

The Ethiopian soldiers predictably complained about their treatment by the Ethiopian government and praised the EPLF, but the specific content of their statements appeared to bear out their charges.

They spoke of seeing many of their fellow soldiers suffering bleeding from diarrhea for which

they claimed they received no medicine. They said they saw others die of thirst in the sunbaked Red Sea coastal plains while their officers scoffed at their complaints.

The deserters said that they were forbidden by their officers to hear the guerrilla radio, but they managed to do so secretly.

All 16 said they had seen fellow soldiers and officers executed by the Ethiopian command for minor opposition or criticism of the war, and they cited fear of repression as the factor motivating them to consider escape.

"I was speaking to a friend about the fighting at Nakfa," said one peasant soldier. "The cadre came and grabbed me. The next morning it was my turn to keep guard, but they told me to pass it to another one and rest for the day."

"Suddenly a battle started," he went on. "When it was finished, I slept. But I understood that they were going to kill me, so blindly I escaped." — (R)

## saudi press review

Al-Madina said in its leading story Wednesday that King Khaled and Crown Prince Fahd were concerned with the east-west expressway project now under implementation in the Kingdom, while Al-Jazirah said with Petroleum and Mineral Resources Minister Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani's statement that the Kingdom's gas and oil reserves would meet its requirements for a long period.

The leading stories in other papers concentrated on the U.S. opposition to a Palestinian state, the tense situation in Beirut following fresh clashes, the explosive situation in the Sahara and the Arab move to contain the situation there.

Newspapers frontpaged former Iranian Premier Shahpour Bakhtiar's reported statement in Paris that he will topple the present regime in Iran in five months, as well as the expected announcement of a cabinet reshuffle in Sudan.

The restoration of diplomatic relations between Mauritania and Algeria, the Romanian President's call for fresh initiatives for peace in the Middle East, a Gulf Europe summit conference in early 1980 and PLO leader Yasser Arafat's reported statement to Time magazine that U.S. President Carter secretly believed in the need for giving Palestinians their rights featured on the front pages of the newspapers.

Newspapers also gave prominence to King Khaled's message of congratulations to the Pakistani President on the national day of Pakistan, Riyadh Governor Prince Salman's announcement that the recently-formed Islamic Charitable Society has so far received over SR198.94 million in donations and the Moroccan King's brother Prince Abdullah's arrival in Taif.

In an editorial on Egyptian Press - Saudi Arabia bribed the Arab idemr Sadat's accusations that states which boycotted him and

rejected his separate treaty with Israel. Al-Madina said the Egyptian president was indulging in such loose talks in an attempt to isolate the Egyptians from their Arab brethren. "He pretended to forget Saudi Arabia's instances and moral commitments toward its Arab and Muslim brothers, particularly the people of Egypt, which he himself had acknowledged."

The paper said Sadat knew that the Arabs unanimously opposed his policies. It advised him to look into himself to be able to assure himself once again that the Kingdom has neither altered its stance nor given up its commitments nor its moral action to realize amity among the brethren. "If he has himself changed his attitude, the hard facts shall only remain too strong to be affected by his 'gingle,' which has only made him a laughing stock for those who heard his statement," the paper added.

Al-Jazirah, too, devoted its editorial to commenting on the Egyptian president's tirade against the Kingdom. It tried to remind Sadat that Saudi Arabia was strictly committed to its political and moral principles in dealing with brotherly peoples including the Egyptians, and has tried to protect the Egyptians from the consequences of Arab boycott imposed on the Egyptian government. The fact was well represented in the presence of a million Egyptians in the Kingdom and in the renewal of contract of any Egyptian who wished in the Kingdom.

The paper said the Egyptian president has forgotten that the Kingdom has not and would not make an attempt for any fictitious leadership or hollow heroism, as he claimed by accusing it of bribing Tunisia for accepting the Arab League headquarters in its capital. The paper reminded him of the Kingdom's uninterrupted flow of capital into the Egyptian economic projects with a view to fortifying its economy. The paper regretted that despite all this President Sadat did not feel ashamed of accusing Saudi Arabia of bribing others to boycott him. "It seemed as though he was waiting for a reward from the Kingdom and other Arab states, as was his wont."

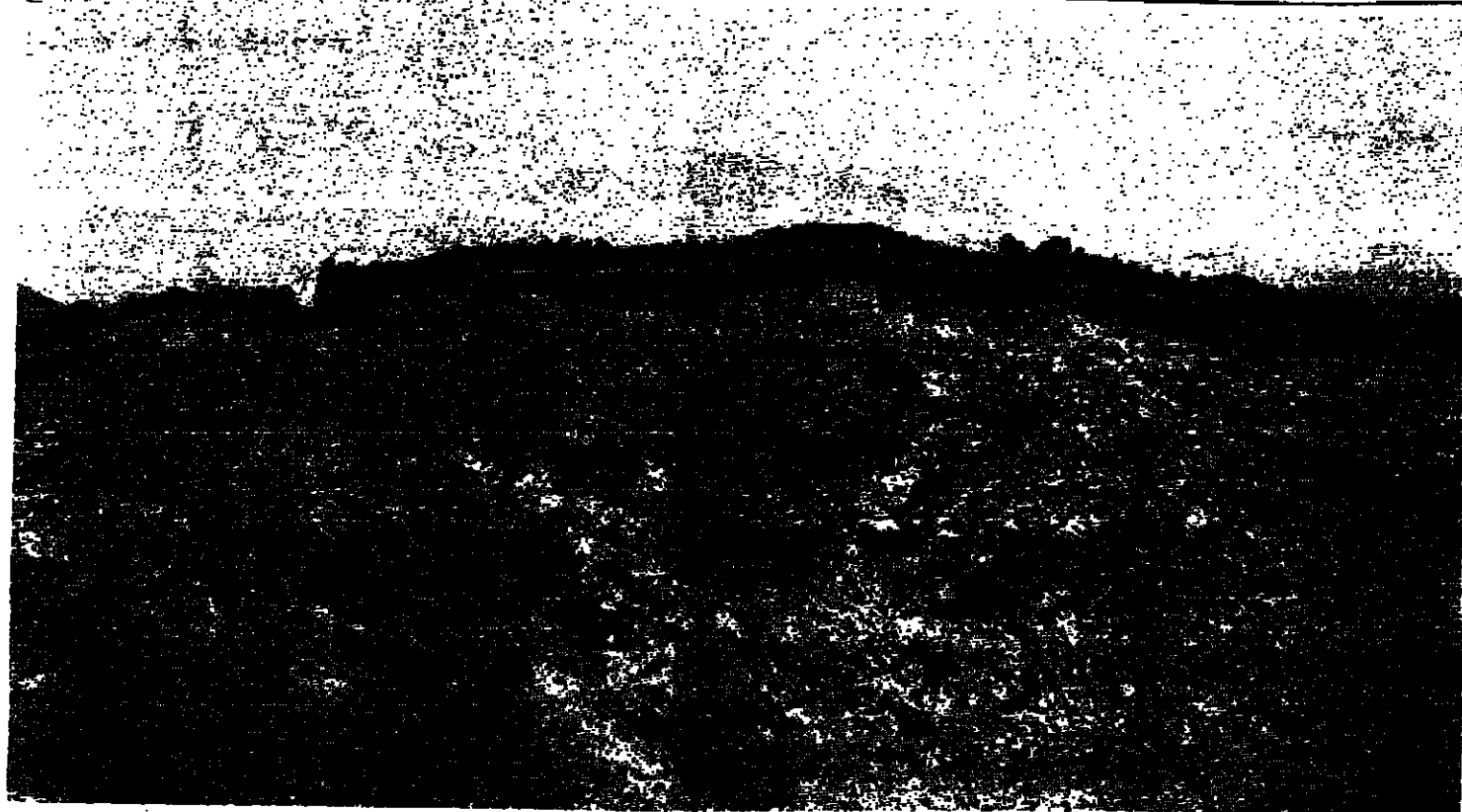
In an editorial on the political situation in the Western Sahara, Al-Riyadh expressed its fears that the recent developments might lead to an armed conflict among brothers. In its view, the situation in the Maghreb would not be in the interest of anyone. While the paper welcomed the restoration of diplomatic relations between Mauritania and Algeria, it hoped that these relations would not be maintained at the expense of another party such as Morocco. Al-Bilad concentrated on the

universal concern for the possible depletion of oil, and said that all fears and rumors simply aimed at creating undue anxiety. The paper emphasized that the Kingdom knew how to exploit its oil wealth in the best interest of its people, in the favour of Arab and Islamic causes and in keeping with the requirements of world economy.

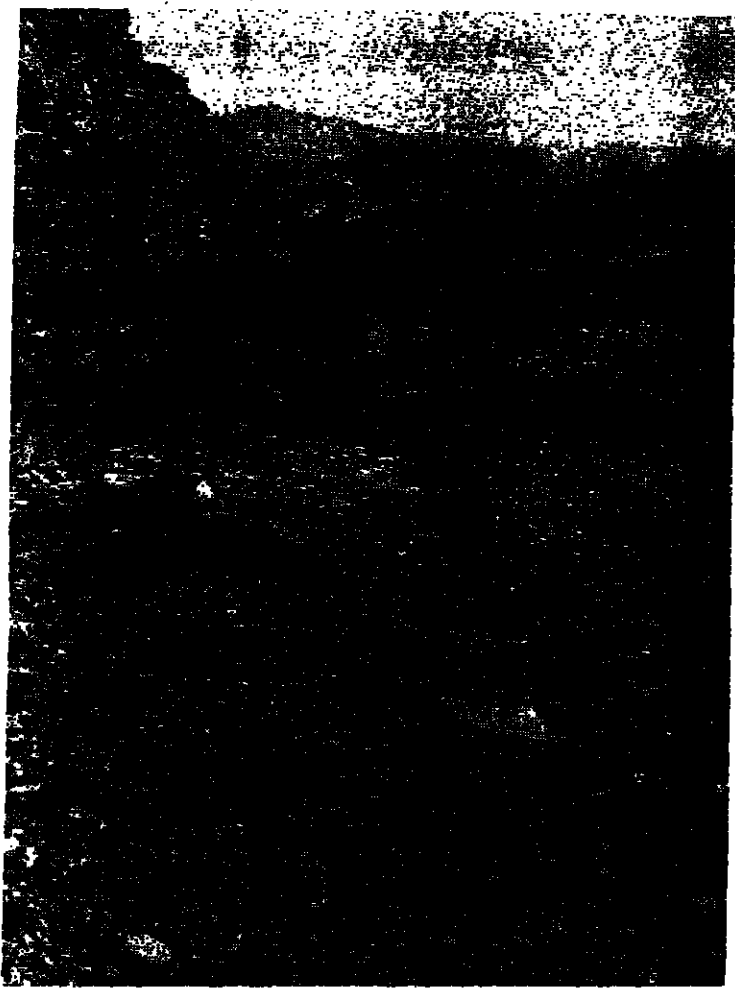
Since the Saudi approach to this issue is well-known, it is now for the various world powers to prove their good intentions and put forward a practical step in harmony with our positive stances, the paper said.

It called upon the international community to make it a point that Saudi Arabia was always ready to cooperate with every constructive step. It added that any program aiming at legalizing the world consumption (of oil) would receive further cooperation from Saudi Arabia, as a service to the humanity at large.





North-east wall of the crater with the little caves. These spout sulphurous fumes and locals and travellers take the cure by sitting in them.



Catwalk around the inside of the defensive wall. Designed for ease of communication in times of siege, the catwalk's purpose — and the purpose of the whole enclosure — is still unclear.

## A well-defended Spa for Yemen's ailments

By Anne Chadwick

On the road south from Sanaa, just south-east of Dhamar, the chain of craggy mountains breaks and gives way to a curious regular and well-rounded cone. The cone is truncated and in many lights looks a strange silvery white. A television antenna adds to its distinction.

All this and the mountain's smoothness is enticing. With a keen eye and a clear day, you can pick out what looks like a defensive wall on the summit.

The name of the place is Jebel Al-Lissy.

There is a graded road to the summit, rather precipitous, and an old Turkish path. The path is an easy walk, for it is paved, except where it has been washed away and even in those places there are none of the dizzying long drops so common in the Yemen highlands.

At the top, there is a defensive wall but precious little else. It is of considerable size and built from rough-cut stones. But despite the roughness of the masonry, the stones form a sheer vertical wall of four meters in height with circular bastions at regular intervals and triangular arrow and gun slits about every five meters or so. The

wall follows the contours of the summit and the plan is determined by the summit's shape, which is in fact oval.

There is little evidence of any other building except a small complex at the south end. So why such strong and ingenious fortifications? Inside there is also a large and well constructed cistern—so designed that it cleverly makes the best of the rain run-off even from without the walls. Small channels lead into it through narrow gates at the base of the wall.

Further on toward the center of the enclosure, the floor drops steeply into a deep bowl, with its sides pierced with lots of little caves with steam coming out of their portals. You are in fact standing on top of a volcano which is not quite extinct.

The locals describe the caves as hamams, or baths. They explain that the sulphurous fumes have hygienic qualities and that on public holidays people travel to the summit of Jebel Al-Lissy to sit in the little caves and take the cure. The crater is a sort of Yemeni Marienbad or Spa.

My guide would not specify which of the numerous Yemeni ailments the treatment actually relieved. "It is good for everything," he said. There are many other caves at the base of the mountain from which sulfur was extracted for matchmaking. The industry has been in existence for many years, he said; in fact, since the Himyaritic period before Islam, or from about 115 B.C.

But the mystery remains. Why such grandiose fortifications for such a small permanent settlement? Surely those taking the cure would not fight over it.

But inside and around the walls there runs a catwalk for ease of communication in times of war and siege. And the walls encompass a large area of about two square kilometers. My guide was stuck, and even the resources of Sanaa provide no satisfactory answers.

Apparently, the building dates from the first Turkish occupation in the 16th century and definitely has Himyaritic foundations. None of these remain except the odd inscription. Presumably it was a fort and barracks established to protect Dhamar and the nearby Rada road from the warlike tribes to the east.

This alone does not explain its size, unless in troublesome times all local villagers were forced to take up their herds to the protection of the enclosure.



Well-built stone cistern at the south end of the enclosure with steps for drawing water and channels to capture run-off from outside the main walls.

Such a veil of mystery, so many unanswered questions. Not that it matters really, since it is a good walk and the views from the summit are spectacular. Perhaps this is the clue. Strategically it is an ideal watchpost as well as an excellent shelter in times of trouble.

Even now, the fort of Jebel Al-Lissy has its use. It guards the television antenna and television is now essential to every Yemeni household.

The enclosure can be reached in a day's outing from Sanaa. Take the Taiz road to Dhamar—about 100 kilometers or so—and a half hour's driving. In Dhamar, turn left down the Rada road for about three kilometers. Just after the first village, Beit Al-Falag, turn left off the road keeping the Jebel in sight and heading toward it on any of the numerous tracks.

At the south end of the mountain, there is a small village, whose name escapes me. Pass right through the village and park your car. Then ask for the Turkish path up the mountain. The village is full of eager guides who take great pleasure in exhibiting their mountain and recounting their version of its history. They have lively imaginations and spin a good yarn.

For those who are not quite so energetic, there is a graded road from the village almost to the top. But a four-wheel drive vehicle is essential, since the road is steep.



At the base of Jebel Al-Lissy, village women thresh corn with the help of donkeys.

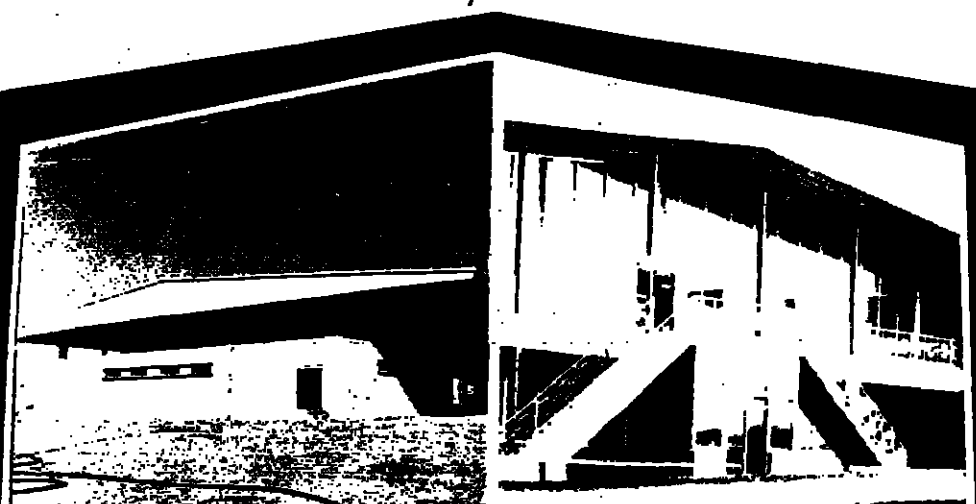
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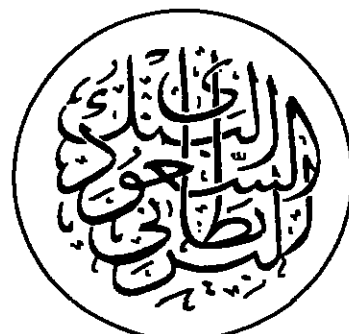
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## With four-hitter and homer

## Andujar takes Houston over Expos

NEW YORK, Aug. 15 (AP)—Houston pitcher Joaquin Andujar pitched a four-hitter and slugged an inside-the-park homer to deliver both runs in leading the Astros to a 2-1 victory over the Montreal Expos Tuesday.

The homer was the first by a Houston player at the astrodome since July 15, when Jose Cruz connected, and the victory was Andujar's 12th of the season—a career high.

It was also his sixth in as many

lifetime decisions against Montreal for the right-hander. Andujar gave up a third-inning run when Larry Parrish doubled to center, took third while Chris Speier grounded out and scored on a high bounce to second by Lee, 10-10.

The victory kept Houston, the National League West leaders, 4½ games ahead of the Cincinnati Reds, who trimmed the Philadelphia Phillies 2-1 in 10 innings on a run-scoring double by pinch-

bitter Vic Correll. Ray Knight started the Cincinnati 10th with a single, only the third hit of the game off Steve Carlton, 11-10, and was sacrificed to second before Correll took over.

The Pittsburgh Pirates added a game to their NL East lead when they beat the San Diego Padres 7-1, while the second-place Expos were losing. Willie Stargell hit a two-run double in the first while Ed Ott started and finished Pitt-

sburgh's five-run second as Pittsburgh won its fourth consecutive game and its 15th in their last 21. Ott started the second-inning scoring with a solo homer and capped it with an RBI single for Pittsburgh, which leads Montreal by 3½.

Bill Russell and Joe Ferguson hit two-run singles and Gary Thomsen added a two-run homer as Los Angeles used Burt Hooton's two-hit pitching with nine runs over the last three innings to beat the St. Louis Cardinals 9-0.

Lee Mazzilli hit a two-run homer and a triple and scored five times as the New York Mets crushed the Atlanta Braves 18-5.

Greg Johnston drove in two runs with his first two Major League hits—all in San Francisco's seven-run fifth inning—as the Giants pummeled the Chicago Cubs 8-2.

Joe Mauer's second homer of the game, a two-run shot in the fifth, keyed the New York Yankees' 6-5 win over the Texas Rangers. Fred Lynn drove in six runs with two home runs and a double as the Boston Red Sox made a 12-1 rout of the Minnesota Twins.

Gorman Thomas and Ben Oglivie hit two-run homers as the Milwaukee Brewers beat the Kansas City Royals 5-2 and a bases-loaded single in the 12th inning game gave the Baltimore Orioles a 2-1 victory over the Chicago White Sox.

Jason Thompson hit a two-run homer and rookie Bruce Robbins scattered six hits over six innings as the Detroit Tigers beat the California Angels 6-3.

Standings:

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Pittsburgh	68	49	.581	—
Montreal	65	51	.561	3½
Chicago	61	55	.523	7½
St. Louis	60	56	.517	7½
Philadelphia	60	54	.524	9
New York	48	66	.421	16½

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	70	50	.583	—
Cincinnati	66	55	.545	4½
San Francisco	57	62	.479	12½
Los Angeles	53	67	.442	16
San Diego	53	67	.442	17
Atlanta	47	73	.393	22½

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Baltimore	77	39	.664	—
Boston	66	44	.599	11½
Minnesota	62	50	.556	15½
New York	61	57	.517	16
Detroit	61	58	.513	17½
Cleveland	61	58	.513	17½
Toronto	58	61	.488	20½

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Los Angeles	67	59	.530	—
Minnesota	62	55	.529	5½
San Diego	62	55	.529	5½
Texas	60	59	.504	9½
Chicago	55	65	.459	14½
Seattle	49	71	.408	20½
Oakland	35	85	.292	32

## In Zurich

## Coe tries for 1,500 meter mark

ZURICH, Aug. 15 (R)—Britain's Sebastian Coe is to take a crack at the world 1,500 meters record at the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) "Golden Sprint" meeting here.

When Coe added the world record to his 800 meters achievement in Oslo last month he went through the 1,000 meters mark in three minutes 32.8 seconds, only six tenths of a second outside the present best set by Tanzanian Filbert Bayi in New Zealand in 1974.

The other attraction in the 16-event program which involves 230 athletes from 40 countries is a competition to find the fastest man over 100 and 200 meters.

Olympic champions Hasely Crawford of Trinidad and Jamaican Don Quarrie among 34 sprinters entered for the event.

Other leading contenders include Americans Hervey Glance, James Sandford, Houston McTear.

Clancy Edwards, Steve Riddick, Poland's Marian Woronin and Britain's Alan Wells.

The runner with the fastest combined time over both distances will gain the "Golden Sprint" title.

Coe's opponents include Kenyans Mike Boit and Wilson Waigwa and Andres Busse of East Germany but arch rival and compatriot Steve Ovett will be missing.

Meeting organizer Res Brugger said he refused a request by Ovett, the European 1,500 meters champion, to race against Coe because he did not want a tactical battle to develop in which neither man would appear at his best.

Brugger had invited Ovett to compete over 800 or 5,000 meters but had received no reply.

The 5,000 meters field boasts Miruts Yifter of Ethiopia, who won over the distance and a 10,000 meters at last month's



Sebastian Coe

Spartakiad games in Moscow, fellow-countryman Muhammad Yohannes, Ireland's world cross country champion John Treacy and Markus Ryffel of Switzerland.

## Downs Manson

## Borg takes revenge in Canada

TORONTO, Aug. 15 (AP)—Wimbledon champion Bjorn Borg of Sweden ended a three-week layoff with an easy 6-2, 6-4 win over Bruce Manson of the United States in a first-round match Tuesday at the Canadian Open tennis championships.

Borg, whose only loss this year in the first round of any tournament was at the hands of Manson, made no mistake this time around in dominating the American in a strong wind at the York University Tennis Center.

In the only men's singles play, unseeded Phil Dent of Australia upset third-seeded Roscoe Tanner of the U.S. 6-7, 7-6, 6-3.

In the only women's singles match of the day, top-seeded Evonne Goolagong Cawley posted an easy 6-1, 6-2 win over Brenda Perry of New Zealand.

Goolagong had little trouble in defeating Perry despite extremely high winds.

In early first-round men's action, fourth-seeded Vitas Gerulaitis of the United States beat Mark Cox of Britain, 6-4, 6-3 and Tom Okker of the Netherlands defeated Brad Drewett of Australia, 1-6, 6-2, 6-4.

Three Czechoslovaks emerged victorious in Tuesday's play— Ivan Lendl downed Marty Riessen of the U.S., 7-5, 6-1; Tomaz Smid beat Junior Martin Wostenholme of Ottawa, 6-3, 6-3; and Jan Kodess downed Victor Amaya of the U.S., 6-6, 7-5, 6-0.

In a match that was completed Tuesday because darkness forced suspension on Monday night, Mark Edmondson of Australia downed John Lloyd of Britain, 6-4, 6-4, 6-2.

off the tour for most of past year, came back in the second set to win five: straight games, breaking Kiyomura in the second and fourth. Kiyomura held her serve in the sixth game, but King finished the set off with an ace.

King won the first two games of the third set, breaking Kiyomura in the first. Kiyomura then won the next six straight games, breaking King's serve in three, and the match ended when King double-faulted.

In another match, second-seeded Virginia Wade of Great Britain needed just 38 minutes to dispose of Linda Siegel of the United States, 6-0, 6-0.

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MOVING IN: Jimmy Case of Liverpool lays the ball off as Arsenal's Brian Talbot moves in for the kill in the F.A. Charity Shield game at Wembley last week. Arsenal was beaten 3-2.

## By one stroke

## McGee edges to Hartford win

WETHERSFIELD, Conn., Aug. 15 (AP)—Jerry McGee birdied the 17th hole and captured a one-stroke victory over Jack Renner in the Sammy Davis Jr.-Gester Hartford Open on Tuesday.

McGee, who began the day in a tie for second, shot a six-under-par round of 65 to give him a 72-hole total of 17-under-par 267. It is his second victory on the Professional Golfers' Association tour this year.

The first came at the Kemper Open in June.

The 36-year-old veteran battled with the 23-year-old Renner throughout the day in a see-saw

struggle that saw as many as 10 golfers in contention. Renner, who fired a four-under-par 67 for a four-round total of 16-under-par 268, held the lead briefly by posting birdies on the 15th and 16th holes.

But McGee birdied those two holes and added another on the 17th to take command.

Third round co-leader George Cadie shared third place with Curtis Strange 14-under-par 269. Cadie fired a 69 while Strange hit a 65.

McGee's first prize of \$54,000 raises his year's earnings to \$152,400, 11th on the PGA money list.

The tourney has been plagued by rain. The second round was

delayed from Friday afternoon to Saturday afternoon, and Sunday's play was washed out.

The decision to play the final round on Tuesday marked the first time a PGA event had been extended that long since 1967. The GHO began last Thursday.

Renner's second-place finish netted him \$32,000 and was the best finish of his career.

Cadie and Strange each earned \$17,400, double what Cadie earned overall in the 20 other tournaments he had entered this year.

Tied for fifth at 271 were Mark Hayes, Lou Graham and J.C. Sneed. One stroke behind them were Hubert Green and Michael Braman.

## In the fast spring tides later this month

## Saudi Arabia's Channel race will test the most hardy

By Nigel Harvey  
London Bureau

The Saudi-sponsored Fifth International Channel Race has drawn a list of 18 top long-distance swimmers from all over the world and is expected to prove a tough battle.

Alawi Mekki 23, from Saudi Arabia, who won last year, will have to fight hard to keep the title.

The swimmers will strike out from Shakespeare's Beach, Dover, on the 21 mile run to Cap Gris Nez, any time from Aug. 23 weather permitting.

But while the organizers have only invited fast swimmers who are expected to finish, they will all face a particularly severe test, even by the English Channel's notoriously rigorous standards.

The race will be held during the first spring tides instead of the slower neap tides which only occur for four days in every fortnight.

The organizers were unable to obtain the necessary pilot boats during the neap tides this year as they have all been booked in a flood of over 60 aspirant Channel swimmers.

The spring tides vary as much as 23 feet between high and low water, six feet more than the neap tides. And while the neap tides move up coast at around 1½ knots, the spring tides sweep the swimmers at a daunting 3½ knots.

"The swimmers do a sort of zig-zag across the channel," said Ray Scott from the Channel Swimming Association which oversees all channel swims and is helping the Saudi Swimming Federation to organize the race.

But despite the tides and providing the winds drop, the race will be on. Apart from Mekki, whose Saudi team-mate Said Fakher, 18, is also racing after a third-place performance last year, the top contenders from the 17-country.

entrants will include some of long-distance swimming's big names.

From the US will be the reigning professional long-distance world champion, John Kinsella. This will be his first channel attempt but at the moment he is the favorite for the £1,000 first prize. Pushing him for the men's professional prize will be Claudio Pili from Argentina and Syria's top swimmer, Marwan Saleh.

Both Mekki and Fakher are amateurs.

The professional prize money has also drawn top women to the race. New Zealand's Sandra Blewitt is expected to swim well, but Canada's Cynthia Nicholas will almost certainly win the women's category—and perhaps even the race.

While the popular image of channel swimmers has been of burly men ever since Captain Matthew Webb struck out from Dover to Calais in 1875, it is a myth.

In the past ten years all the speed records have been broken and held not by strong and well-built men, but by comparatively slightly-built girls.

The astonishing record crossing of 7 hours 40 minutes was made last year by Penny Lee Dean of the United States, and the year before Cynthia Nicholas broke the record for the double swim by over 10 hours to bring it down to 19 hours 55 minutes.

Nicholas is the queen of the channel with eight crossings to her name, including another double completed this year when she failed to make the triple crossing.

The king of the Channel, Desmond Renford from Australia, who has made 13 crossings, will not be racing as he is too slow.

But while the competition of records and races continually forces new standards, it is still an hour for most swimmers simply to have made it across. Despite the Channel's continually rising popularity as the ultimate long-distance swimming achievement, fewer than 200 people have succeeded.

For though there are longer swims, few are as challenging. The water is viciously cold at around



Prince Faisal ibn Fahd

60 degrees and the strict Channel Association rules allow no more than grease for protection.

The unpredictable British weather whips up sickening rough seas with no notice; fogs are a common problem.

With the tides rushing through the narrow straits, the swimmer also has to be on constant guard against jelly-fish, Portuguese men-of-war, flotsam and jetsam, oil slicks and even the constant flow of ships.

But the International Channel Race, which is based on earlier such races from the 1950s, has become a fixed and popular event. At a total cost of £25,000 it is sponsored by the General Presidency of Youth Welfare, headed by Prince Faisal ibn Fahd.

Nasser Al-Barraka, Secretary

of the Saudi Swimming Federation explained at a Press Conference that the presidency "wanted to develop an overseas activity that Saudi youth could get involved with together with the youth of other countries."

Mekki and Fakher have spearheaded the Saudi team into top class. The team holds the Channel relay record.

Barraka was also pleased with the growth of the race to 18 competitors from 17 countries, this year over 10 competitors from the Arab world five years ago.

There are no Egyptian entrants this year for political reasons, but other countries represented include: Belgium, Holland, Turkey, England, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Mexico, Scotland, Wales, Canada, New Zealand, Argentina, Syria and the United States.



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**STAG PARTY** : A powerful stag, who seems unafraid of people — especially those on picnic parties. He has been known to knock anglers into the lake. Photo shows Joey, sixteen-year-old stag, who roams at the head of his herd in the woods at Normanby Park, South Humberside, England.



**THY THY** : Little Thy-Thy, dwarfed by the British policeman, pictured outside the Prime Minister's residence — number 10 Downing Street. She went there to lobby Margaret Thatcher to support the Vietnamese Boat Children. Another 15-year-old Vietnamese girl wrote to Thatcher. She said : " Please help our people to have freedom. Please don't let us grow up without love."



**SUBBTEO CHAMP** : Andrea Piccaluga from Pisa, Italy is 15 years old and has had his finger insured for \$ 55,000. He is the " undisputed " world champion of Subbuteo Table Soccer, seen in the photo demonstrating his skill. Andrea has toured Italy and, more recently, the British Isles.



**WARM FISH** : An amateur angler, M. Riffault, caught this enormous sunfish. Riffault, a nursery gardener, caught the fish near Le Havre, France, although sunfish are usually found in warmer waters. M. Riffault said, " I think 'e 'as 'ad 'is chips ! "



**PIAZZA HEAT** : The tourist in the photo was caught sitting on a pillar on the steps of one of the famous fountains of Rome — the Piazza del Popolo in search of some relief from the torrid heat in Italy's capital city recently when the temperature soared to 30 degrees centigrade — (87 F).



**CORVETTE SUMMER** : The latest star to come out of Hollywood is this super, streamlined sportscar. Its the theme of a new visual story, " Corvette Summer, " which tells of a young man who is totally dedicated to the new car he created. Mark Hamill has the lead role which follows his top casting in the award winning story, " Star Wars. " The car is " a marvel of technological design, " experts say.



## Kuwaiti insurers reject Lloyds' policy on Gulf

KUWAIT, Aug. 15 (R) — Kuwaiti insurance companies have rejected a decision by Lloyds, the London underwriters, to increase insurance costs on vessels operating in the Gulf. Company officials said Wednesday.

The officials said the move by Lloyds to cover risks of "war, hijacking and taking over of ships" was unjustified and would raise shipping costs.

They said the Kuwait firms had told Lloyds they rejected the move and hoped it would revoke its decision.

On July 30 Lloyds declared the Gulf a war zone and announced it would cancel existing insurance policies on the hulls of ships.

## U.S. court awards \$30m to Iran

NEW YORK, Aug. 15 (AP) — The U.S. Court of Appeals cleared the way Tuesday for a bank to pay \$30.2 million to the new Iranian government over the objection of a subsidiary of AT and T.

## Japan gets Mexican oil for loan and technical aid

MEXICO CITY, Aug. 15 (AP) — President Jose Lopez Portillo has promised to sell 100,000 barrels of Mexican crude oil a day to Japan beginning in 1980, a spokesman for the Japanese embassy said Tuesday.

In exchange, Japanese Foreign Minister Sunao Sonoda, who arrived in Mexico Monday, offered Mexico a \$500-million loan and technical assistance for the construction of ports, salt refineries, iron foundries and railroad lines, said Shobachi Miyamoto, an embassy spokesman.

operating in the region. A Lloyds spokesman said the action was due to prolonged and apparently continuing hostilities in the area and said new policies with a war risk premium would have to be taken out.

Representatives of Kuwaiti insurance and re-insurance companies were said to have been consulting their firms in the Gulf to adopt "a unified and deterrent stand" against Lloyds.

Government officials did not disclose what measures might be taken.

The chairman of Kuwait's Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Aboul-Aziz Al-Akr, has described the action by Lloyds as a

western move to exert political and economic pressure on the Gulf region.

In Baghdad, Al-Thawra, the newspaper of the ruling Baath Party, said the move amounted to political and economic blackmail.

It said: "The monopolistic companies are contributing with such measures to the dirty war against the Arabs in the commercial sphere to make fantastic gain on the pretext of ensuring protection for ships against illusory threats fabricated by imperialist quarters."

The paper added that the insurance firm's measures complemented "U.S. imperialist plans in the Arabian Gulf."

Although none of the judges commented on the reasons for their decision, questions they asked attorneys for both sides indicated they thought that American Bell had failed to prove its allegation that Iran had committed fraud.

James Blair, attorney for American Bell, said the new government of Iran committed an "underlying fraud" by repudiating the original contract and blocking the firm's access to Iranian courts to settle the dispute.

The attorney for manufacturers Hanover, Roy Reardon, said the bank's reputation would be harmed if it failed to pay on an irrevocable letter of credit.

Iran made an 8-million down payment that could be recalled on demand to the manufacturers Hanover Trust Co.

The privilege was exercised in June by the revolutionary government which subtracted \$8.6 million for work which was not done by the U.S. company.



SUNSHINE DRIVE: The drive for auto economy goes on. All sorts of ideas are being tried out in order to keep the wheel turning. Alan Freeman, 66, of Rugby, England, designed the miniature car shown in the picture. At the wheel of his Sunshine Special. It is powered by silicon solar cells. It is not known how many angstroms to the cell the car is capable of, but Mr. Freeman must be confident about his car's economy performance — the picture was taken at Mallory Park, Leicester, the venue of the Shell Motor Mileage Marathon. The Freeman car did not enter the race. The winning car in the Shell Marathon achieved a record consumption figure of well in excess of 1,000 miles on a gallon of gasoline.

## U.S. lags behind Europe Mopeds join energy scramble

By Carol Krucoff

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15 — In Europe they've been doing it for years. After World War II, moped riding became a common, economical form of transportation.

With the recent energy scramble, moped fever has again hit the nation, says Joseph Wolfe, spokesman for the Moped Association of America (MAA). The industry estimates sales of 350,000 mopeds this year, bringing the total U.S. moped population to 900,000 by the end of 1979.

### One horsepower

The two-wheeled pedal vehicle has a single-cylinder engine rated at between 1 and 2 horsepower, less than that of the average lawn mower. It can produce speeds between 20 and 50 miles per hour.

Most moped tanks hold one gallon of regular gasoline which can take them roughly 120 to as much as 200 miles.

"A mile an ounce" is the rule of thumb. The rider starts the engine by pedaling a few yards before activating the motor. Once the motor is running, it remains running while the moped is in motion or idling.

A majority of moped owners are between 25 and 54 years old, with the average age 41.4 years, according to industry statistics. One in four is female, three of four are high-school graduates or better and two of three own two or more cars.

Almost 40 per cent listed economy as their primary motive for purchase. Commuting distances are most often in the 5- to 10-mile range.

### Contoured seat

Mopeds range in price from \$350 to \$800. The more expensive models might have such features as a comfort-contoured seat or stainless steel bumpers. But all mopeds are required to carry federally-mandated safety equipment including headlamps, tail lamps, stop lights, reflectors and a rear-view mirror. A vehicle identification number plate located near the handlebars on the frame should specify that the moped conforms with the laws.

### London study

A moped rider is 16 times more likely to be involved in an injury accident than an automobile driver, according to a 1974 London study. Comparable ratios for motorcycles were 26 and for cyclists 12.

Injuries, however, to moped riders may not be quite as severe as those to motorcyclists, says Lewis Buchanan, a motorcycle safety specialist for the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.



SPEND SPEND: It is sales time in the shops in London's West End. Crowds pack the sidewalk and cram into shops in response to the advertisers' cries of "buy, buy, buy," and "spend, spend, spend." Photo shows shoppers crowding London's Oxford Street.

## Excess stocks signal possible U.S. decline

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15 (AP) — U.S. business inventories swelled in June by 1.3 per cent, the Commerce Department reported Tuesday, offering further evidence America may be in a recession.

June's sharp inventory rise follows a 1.1 per cent increase in May and a 1.4 per cent upsurge in April. Since June 1978, inventories have increased 12.9 per cent.

Economists watch inventories carefully to chart the direction and depth of a recession. When inventories accumulate too rapidly, businesses are compelled to cancel and delay orders. Manufacturers, in turn, cut back production and often lay off workers.

The last recession in 1973-74 was made much worse, many economists argue, because inventories grew too rapidly.

"Even after the economy

turned weak in 1973, inventories continued to accumulate through the third quarter of 1973," said Jeffrey Green, an economist for Wharton Econometrics Forecasting Associates of Philadelphia.

The Commerce Department report showed that manufacturing, retail and merchant wholesaler inventories increased from a seasonally adjusted \$401.7 billion in May to \$406.7 billion in June.

Manufacturer inventories rose the steepest, 1.5 per cent, from \$211.3 billion in May to \$214.4 billion in June, the Commerce Department said.

Drops in sales caused much of the inventory buildup, particularly in such sectors as the auto industry. Sales there plunged 5.9 per cent in June, the Commerce Department reported, while inventories increased 1 per cent. Since June 1978, auto inventories have gone up 25 per cent.

## Industrials advance at close Market firms after brisk trading

NEW YORK, Aug. 14 — Stocks showed little change on the day as the market turned positive in active trading in the afternoon hours. At the closing bell the Dow Jones Industrial Average advanced 1.45 to 876.71, Dow Jones Industrial Trading gained 1.47 to 269.58, and Dow Jones Industrial Utilities added 37 to 108.86. Volume of trading for the day was 41 million shares. Breadth was on the positive side as advances outnumbered declines 836 to 633. The American Exchange Index rose .6, on the day to close at 204.22.

Among the most active issues, Citi Financial advanced 10 9/16 to 55 1/4, Great A.P. 1/4 to 9 1/4, standard brands down 1/4 to 25 1/4, MGIC dropped 4 to 32, IBM lost 1/8 to 70 1/4, ConAgra gained 1/4 to 15 1/4, Bond rose 1/4 to 12 1/4, United advanced 1/4 to 26 1/4, Fluorine lost 1/4 to 11 1/4.

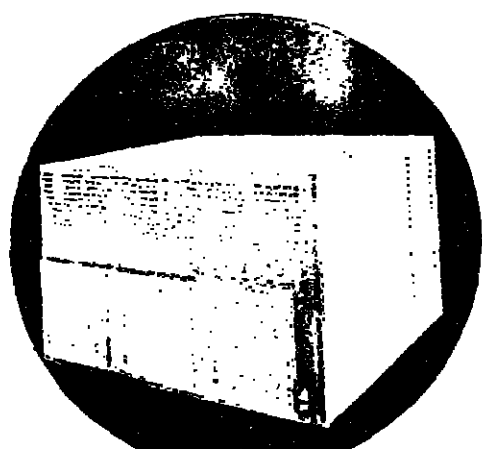
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## Saudi Arabian Government Tenders

Authority	Description	No. of Tender	Price SR	Closing Date
Ministry of Defense and Aviation	Construction of mosques in different regions	5-99/1400	2500	Sept. 15
Department of Water & Sewage, Eastern Province	Spare parts for turbine pumps for wells	3-99/1400	75	Sept. 1
Directorate of Education, Hail	Stationery, printed materials and chalks	4-99/1400	Free	Sept. 2
" "	Office and school furniture	5-99/1400	"	Sept. 4
" "	Requirements of Youth Welfare	6-99/1400	"	Sept. 8
Municipality of Mecca	Supply of furniture	12	500	Sept. 10
" "	Supply of printed material	13	500	Sept. 12

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## Texas still under threat from Mexican crude spill

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas, Aug. 15 (R) — Scientists said Tuesday they saw no immediate reprieve for the Texas shoreline as more patches of oil from the giant Mexican oil spill washed up on its beaches.

Winds were pushing the oil about 10 to 15 miles northwards per day the scientists said. The spill began near Tampico in Mexico 240 miles south of the U.S. border on June 3.

"I don't see any relief yet. There's a large quantity of oil moving in the Gulf below the border and it's working its way up," said John Robinson, a spokesman for a government-civilian team of pollution fighters.

Three oil patches polluted beaches at Padre Island Tuesday and eight more, none smaller than 40 yards square, were sighted 20 to 30 miles off the coast.

Scientists from various organizations, including several government bodies, said only "extremely light" particles of oil had been found in Laguna Madre waterway between the offshore Barrier Islands and the Mainland.

## FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

Currency	Rate
U.S. Dollar	3.3885
Pound Sterling	7.84
100 Deutsche Mark	184.39
Dutch Guilder	167.87
100 Swiss Franc	203.89
100 French Franc	79.14
Belgian Franc	11.63
1000 Italian Lira	4.16
100 Danish Kroner	63.80
Swedish Kroner	79.82
100 Norwegian Kroner	67.07
100 Japanese Yen	15.58
Egyptian Pound	4.69
Kuwaiti Dinar	12.22
Jordanian Dinar	11.25
Bahraini Dinar	8.88
1000 Lebanese Lira	103.86
100 Syrian Lira	86.48
100 Qatari Riyal	89.97
100 Yemeni Riyal	74.00
Emirates Dirhams	88.82
100 Indian Rupee	42.10
100 Pakistani Rupee	34.11
Southern Dinars	9.67
U.S. Dollars Banknotes	3.3675

Currency Selling Rates announced by the National Commercial Bank.

## Kingdom of Saudi Arabia PORTS MOVEMENTS

### JEDDAH ISLAMIC PORT 15 AUGUST 1979

Berth	Vessel	Agent	Cargo	Arrival
1A	Mazario Perini	A.E.T.	Ro Ro	14.8.79
2	Nord	O.C.E.	Ro Ro	13.8.79
3A	Amirah 'A'	Alwan	General	13.8.79
4	Karim Diamond	S.E.A.	General	13.8.79
5	Minden	Star	Fruits	8.8.79
6	Minden	Star	Fruits	8.8.79
7	Thames	Star	Produce/Fruits	8.8.79
8	Cher An	Alwan	General	14.8.79
9	San Everet	M.E.S.A.	Bananas	10.8.79
10	Ron Zuhir	Karoo	Loading Empty Containers	14.8.79
16	Rouvenfels	Alkmas	Containers	15.8.79
17	East Barges	Karoo	Flour/General	2.8.79
18	Adhila	Polaco	Bulk Cement	13.8.79
19	Falcon Arrow	Alwan	Bulk Cement	14.8.79
20	Starline	Alwan	Bulk Cement	12.8.79
22	Maritime Alliance	Barcom	Bkgd. Cement	6.8.79
23	Forum Progress	O. Trade	Timber	11.8.79
2027	Philippine Saudi 1	S.A.M.A.	Accommodation Ship	
36	Coron Forest	Medco	Loading Empty Containers	15.8.79
38	Diala Bay	Sarmaco	Containers	15.8.79
39	Hermes Saudi	S.N.L.	General/Containers	13.8.79
41	Bora Universal	O.C.E.	Fruits	13.8.79
Ro Ro	Dolphin Pacific	Karoo	Ro Ro	14.8.79

### 3. VESSELS EXPECTED WITHIN 24 HOURS

Berth	Vessel	Agent	Cargo	Arrival
	Dana Prio	O.C.E.	Reefers	15.8.79
	Went Express	Crown Trade	Timber/Iron/Tiles	
	Rafalea	Ref Sea	Timber/General	
	Juynang 13	S.E.A.	Timber/General	
	Artemon	M.T.T.E.	Timber	
	Caledonia	S.M.C.	Containers	
	Jolly Nero	Alwan	Containers	
	Tor Belgic	Feyat	Ro Ro	

### DAMMAM PORT MANAGEMENT

Berth	Vessel	Agents	Cargo	Arrival
10	Kota Setti	Gulf	Loading Unes	16.7.79
15	Parosylwanda	U.E.P.	General/Timber	15.8.79
20	Eastern Sea	S.E.A.	Cement in Bags	3.8.79
21	Karim (D.S.)	Alkmas	Bulk Cement	10.8.79
22	Strider Jumbo	Gulf	General	13.8.79
26	Asia Ono	Gulf	General	13.8.79
27	Karim	Karoo	RO Bridge Material	12.8.79
28	Regal Sea	Karoo	Steel Bars	11.8.79
36	Zaire — (D.S.)	S.M.C.	Bulk Cement	14.7.79
37	Argentan Carrier	S.M.C.	Cement in Bags	12.8.79
38	Amber	S.M.C.	Cement in Bags	4.8.79

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2	Arva Nig	A.E.T.		
3	Al Marashah	Karoo		
4	Jinan Maru	Alkmas		
5	Al Salmah	Karoo		
6	Cheriton	Reynat		

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SOURCE: PORTS AUTHORITIES







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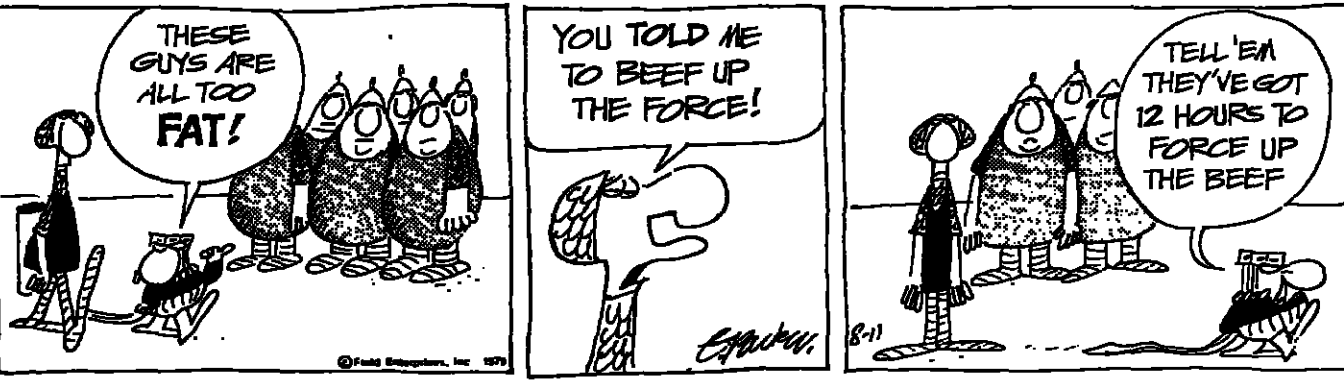
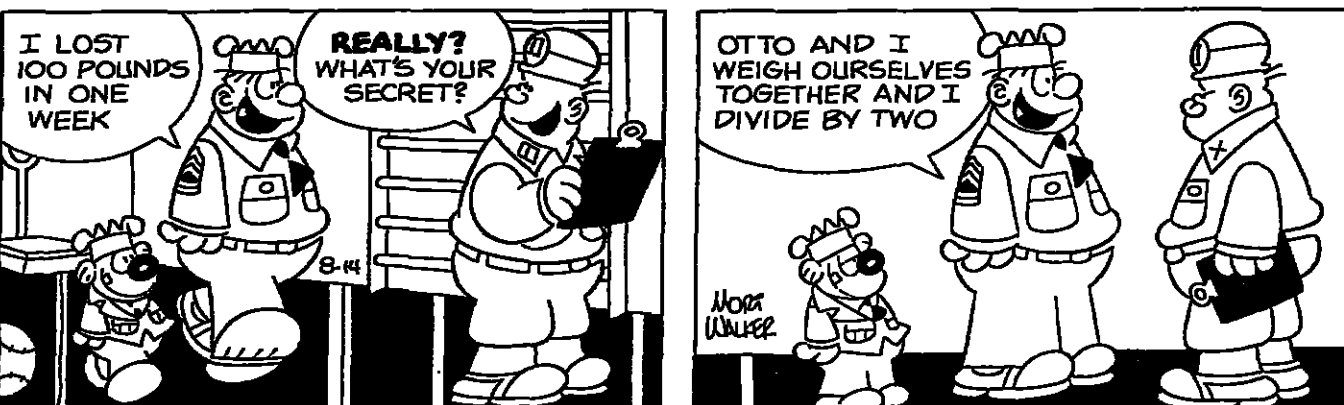
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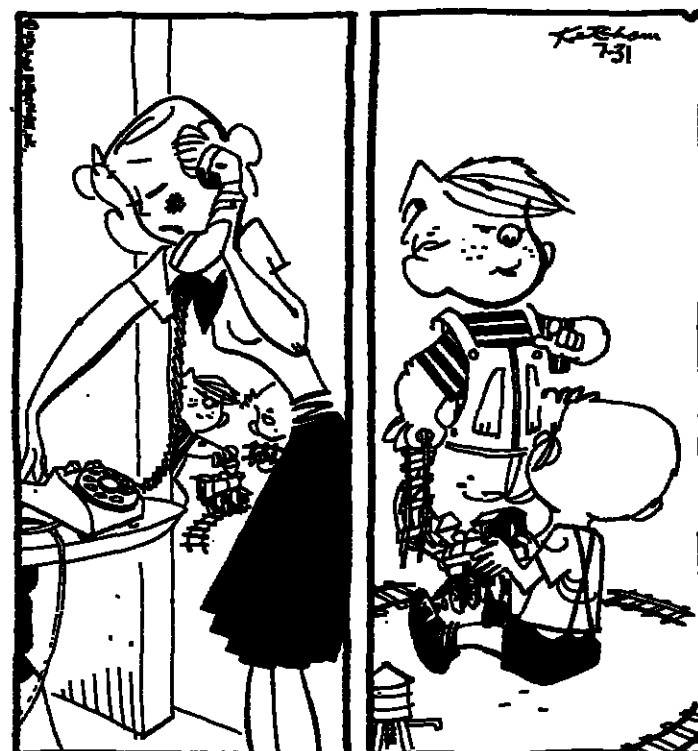
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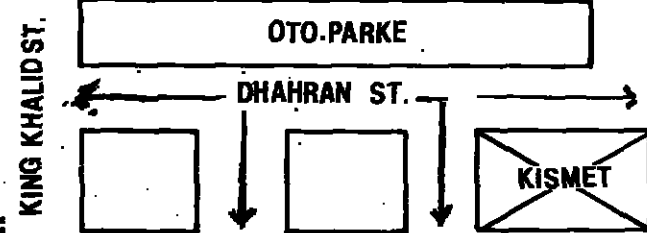
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## From Jeddah to Memphis

### Of sponsors, snakes

By Michael J. Hall

This past week there has been the story of the young man from India who is bicycling around the world. Over the last five years, since setting out from Calcutta at the age of 21, he's covered 50 countries and untold thousands of kilometers.

If you or I were to try the same thing, we'd undoubtedly have little to show for it but a pair of awesome leg muscles and the hard-gained knowledge of how to change a bicycle tire in any weather.

But, like many modern round the world travelers, young Jay Mandal has an ace in the hole. His expedition is being sponsored by Air India, and if the whole thing gets too tiresome, he can presumably hop on a jet and wing away to a friendlier clime.

These days it seems you almost have to have a sponsor willing to pick up some of the tab to do anything unusual in the way of traveling about. The blind Dutchman who recently bicycled around the world (with a sighted partner); the gent who crossed the Atlantic in the bath-tub sized boat; and even the trio of Americans who aimed their hot air balloon across the ocean last year — all had sponsors.

Which brings me to my point. Because each trip into the streets here is a real adventure — a test of macho made all the harder by hordes of daredevil taxi drivers — getting around in Jeddah can surely be classed as something unusual in the way of traveling about.

But so far — and I'm still looking — I haven't been able to find anyone willing to sponsor my daily trek down Crown Prince Fahd Street to the office. Any takers?

Another sad story comes this week from Australia. It seems Nick Le Souef has had to abandon one of his cherished dreams, and his name won't go into the Guinness Book of Records after all. Le Souef was after the world's record for living in a pit full of snakes, but decided to give up his attempt after 24 days.

He'd spent the time living — or coexisting — with 24 deadly black, brown and copperhead snakes in an effort to break the 50-day snake-sitting record set earlier this year by South African Peter Symmans.

Le Souef's only comment after climbing out of the pit Tuesday was that he was certain he could have broken the record, but — just in case — he decided that his wife and three kids needed him more than the snakes did.

Inventions some of us could do without department. In Massachusetts a geneticist has invented a square ear of corn, the idea being that that way it won't roll off the plate.

There's no word yet on the public's reaction to the development, but it's liable not to be overwhelming. The new ears of corn, about the size of a carrot, have only four rows of kernels.

The geneticist says he got the idea when he learned airlines won't serve corn on the cob because it might roll off the plate when the ride gets choppy.

His latest idea, however, might find a little more favor with the public. He's growing an ear of corn big enough for two.

And then there's the report of Ukrainian woman who found her wristwatch several years after dropping it into a stream.

Her husband went fishing one day recently, and — you guessed it — caught the fish that swallowed the watch.

From the world of entertainment — if that's the right word — comes the news that a Unionville, Pennsylvania artist — if that's the right word — has unveiled a 10-foot high fiberglass statue of Elvis Presley.

The statue will be on public display in Memphis, Tennessee, for eight days to commemorate the upcoming second anniversary of the singer's death. But after that, the statue is going to need a permanent home. And so far nobody's expressed any willingness to take in a ton of fiberglass.

Now for a tale with a certain — well, atmosphere. Garlic farmers in the French town of Castelsarrasin have destroyed a shipment of five tons of Spanish-grown garlic.

The farmers doused the imported stuff with gasoline, a move certain to add to its already distinctive taste. They claimed the imports were lowering the market price of their home-grown product.

But on the other hand, their reasoning could have been much more prosaic. Maybe they just didn't like the smell.

Meanwhile, in the U.S. an unnamed doctor is probably wishing he'd had a little more cents.

Seven years ago, Robert Knapp of Chicago had a gash in his hip stitched after a car crash. Last year, the hip started to hurt, and doctors who opened it up again found the cause — 16 cents Knapp was carrying in his pocket when he had the accident.

Knapp's now suing the original doctor for \$75,000. That's a lot of relief for 16 cents worth of pain.

And finally, an apology to anglophiles who objected to the charterization of Oliver Cromwell here last week as a dictator. I'm sure he was a fine fellow, and I hope the people auctioning what is said to be his skull get a good price.

## Freak storm decimates yacht race

13 dead, 82 boats missing



(Central Press photo)

PLYMOUTH, England Aug. 15 (AP) — Winds nearing hurricane force slashed through a fleet of more than 300 sleek racing yachts off the southwest coast of England Tuesday, leaving at least 30 vessels sunk or abandoned and 13 persons dead. About 200 yachtsmen were listed as missing on board 82 of the boats.

The Royal Ocean Racing Club, trying to gather information on the biggest disaster in the history of international yacht racing, said that of the 306 boats involved, 93 were accounted for a safe in Irish or English ports, or under assistance at sea. It said 114 sailors, including former British Prime Minister Edward Heath, had been rescued by ships and helicopters from Britain, France and the Netherlands.

The *Tenacious*, skippered by Ted Turner, owner of the Atlanta Braves American baseball team, also was safe, according to the racing club. Turner won the America's Cup in 1978.

Earlier, rescue officials said 17 people were feared drowned. They added Wednesday that the death toll could rise but they believed most of the yachts and crews unaccounted for were in fact safe.

CALMER DAYS: Former British Prime Minister Edward Heath waves from the wheel of his yacht in a picture taken while he was in office. Wednesday he was reported safe after a freak storm hit 300 yachts participating in a race off the English coast.

A naval rescue officer said: "A lot of these people could have gone out to deep waters until the conditions subside. Many are running without radios so we have no way of contact."

According to the British Rescue Coordination Center in Plymouth, gales reaching 70 mph lashed the Atlantic off southern England, building mountainous waves and causing three known deaths on land, including an eight-year-old girl dragged out to sea by heavy surf.

The race, known as the Fastnet in the series for the Admiral's Cup, was limited to 57 craft, three each from 19 countries. Those yachts are in the class ranging

around 46 feet (14 meters), and owners of other yachts both larger and smaller had, joined for the training or adventure.

Official entries set out Saturday from the Isle of Wight off southern England, sailed west, rounded the Fastnet Rock jutting from the sea at the southern tip of Ireland, and then headed toward the finish line of the 670-mile course off Plymouth.

The boats were strung along much of the course when the storm struck.

One of the dead was reported to be American and most of the rest British, but no information was available on the nationality of the others. The Royal Ocean Racing Club, sponsor of the big Fastnet race, reported the yachts *Ariadne*, *Trophy*, *Grimalkin* and *Flashlight* lost two crew each, and *Gushinger* and *Festina Tertio* one each.

The Royal Western Yacht Club here said *Ariadne* is an American boat.

*Trophy* is a British yacht. Participants in the Fastnet race came from America, Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Britain, Canada, France, West Germany, Holland, Hong Kong, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Poland, Singapore, Spain, Sweden and Switzerland.

Expensive yachts crewed by some of the best sailors in the business were "dismasted and overturned." "The airwaves were thick with distress calls," said an officer at the Royal Naval Air Station at Culdrose, Cornwall.

Royal Navy helicopters, lifeboats, rafts and warships pulled at least 125 sailors to safety and recovered 10 bodies Tuesday and 3 more Wednesday. They were kept up the search overnight to locate yachts and life rafts with survivors.

The gales were reported dying down Wednesday.

The value of lost and abandoned yachts was put at 2 million pounds (\$ 4.5 million).

In Newport, Rhode Island Tom Eahman, staff director of the U.S. Yacht Racing Union, called Tuesday's tragic *Admiral's Cup* Race the worst offshore sail-racing disaster since the union was formed in 1897.

"As far as I know," said Eahman, "there has never been a major kind of tragedy in an offshore race. There have been storms but nothing like this."

## Sept. 10 conference

### Rhodesia accepts talks invitation

SALISBURY, Aug. 15 (R) — The Zimbabwe Rhodesia government announced Wednesday it had accepted Britain's invitation to attend an all-parties peace conference in London on September 10.

A government spokesman said a special cabinet session had "decided to accept the invitation which the British government has extended to the prime minister to attend a constitutional conference in London on September 10."

The spokesman said the delegation would represent the government of national unity rather than individual parties in Zimbabwe Rhodesia.

He said the government accepted the British invitation on the basis that there were no preconditions for the London meeting.

The spokesman said in accepting the invitation "It was emphasized that the government holds office by virtue of the recent elections held in Zimbabwe Rhodesia on the basis of universal adult suffrage at which over 64 per cent of

the electorate voted."

"All responsible observers including those from Britain's Conservative Party saw the elections as being free and fair. Consequently the government represents the country and the delegation will therefore represent all sides from the government of national unity," the spokesman said.

The spokesman did not say whether the delegation would include former prime minister Ian Smith.

Britain's invitation to the Zimbabwe Rhodesia government and the Patriotic Front guerrillas is fighting limits the size of the delegations they send to the conference to 12 members each.

The British government had scheduled the talks for September 10 and has invited Muzorewa and guerrilla leaders Joshua Nkomo and Robert Mugabe.

Chris Sakak, a spokesman for Muzorewa's UNAC Party said his party welcomed the conference if it could

improve his country's constitution, which has been criticized abroad as leaving too great a share of power in the hands of the white minority.

But Sakal said his party was against the second stage of the British plan for fresh elections. This was "an insult to our people," he said.

Last April's first universal suffrage election, ending nearly 90 years of white domination, brought in a government of national unity headed by Black Premier Muzorewa. But five out of the 19 cabinet posts were reserved for whites.

Informed sources said Muzorewa was likely to choose a 12-man delegation for the talks representing the four parties in his coalition.

They are the UANC, white-dominated Rhodesian Front, the United National Federal Party and the Zimbabwe African National Union faction of the Rev. Ndabingi Sithole, which is entitled to two cabinet posts.



(AP photo)

ANNIVERSARY: Indian President Reddy speaks to the vast crowd gathered in New Delhi to commemorate the country's independence day.

### Independence day speech

## Reddy warns of Indian national crisis

NEW DELHI, Aug. 15 (Agencies) — President Neelam Sanjiva Reddy has said India is in a state of crisis and called for a national reconciliation.

In a nationwide broadcast on the eve of the 32nd anniversary of the country's independence, Reddy said, "History will censure us if we do not act with foresight, goodwill and courage in this hour of national crisis."

The president, who made indirect references to the current political turmoil in India and also to communal violence, said the time had come for a national reconciliation.

But with six days before parliament reopens and the new prime minister, Charan Singh, seeks a vote of confidence, government and opposition parties remain bitterly opposed.

Reddy said he did not want to point an accusing finger at any political party. But he said morality and standards in public life were deteriorating, and added, "Never since independence have principles been compromised and the basic values of life treated with such contempt."

Reddy said India was passing through a "crisis of character." He

added: "Why do we seek to wilfully damage, if not destroy, this great country and the secular democratic way of life so dear to our hearts?"

"This is no time for mutual recrimination or equally barren destructive criticism. Indeed this is the time and opportunity for national reconciliation."

In India, presidential speeches to parliament are written by the government in power but as far as could be learned the Singh cabinet did not clear Reddy's sharply-worded yet vague broadcast to the nation.

## Good Morning

By Jihad Khazen

In 1964 Lyndon Johnson, fought Barry Goldwater for the presidency of the United States. Johnson, a Southerner and a Texan, fought under Kennedy's moderate or liberal banner, having inherited Kennedy's presidency after the latter's assassination. Goldwater fought as the candidate of the right, resolved to crush the communists in Vietnam once in power.

When Johnson was elected he proceeded on Vietnam in a way which Goldwater could not but have envied. This reversal of roles was represented in a political cartoon of the time, which I still remember. It showed Johnson in the act of sending off troops and planes to Vietnam, with Goldwater in the background saying that this is exactly what he would have done, except that the pleasure was somehow not the same.

Politicians' ability to change positions, or swing between them like the pendulum of a clock, is by now proverbial. Lies have become the very stuff of politics. One could ask, for example, if Lebanon today is anything like the Lebanon promised by the parliamentary candidates of its last elections. The answer is obvious enough to make the question redundant.

It is also certain that the lies of politics cover all countries — it is a case common as measles. In Britain, for instance, the Conservatives when in power supported the Common Market while Labor opposed it. Then Labor came to power — and guess what? An enthusiastically pro-Market Labor government found itself faced with "reservations" from a Conservative opposition. Then the Conservatives returned and drove the country into the Market to a huge Labor outcry; Labor having shed its pro-Market position at the moment it lost the elections. Then Harold Wilson led Labor back into power in 1974, when once more the party supported the Market.

Yet in Britain at least there is a difference between the Conservatives (the gents) and Labor (the workers.) But parties like the Republicans and the Democrats in the U.S. Social Democrats and Christian Democrats in West Germany, or the parties vying for power in the Benelux countries, Scandinavia and Canada, are all so look-alike that a microscope is needed to discern their differences. Administrations come and go with going on the same.

In poorer countries where military takeovers are the only available means for a change in administration, this "sameness" has a tragic form. There it is a matter of the right killing the left or the left killing the right. In both the cases it is the people who get killed, only each time under a different name. History is more than generous with examples.

(Translated from Ashraf Al Awsat)

## Up to 150 feared dead in Soviet airline crash

MOSCOW, Aug. 15 (R) — A Soviet airliner on a flight from the central Asian city of Tashkent to Minsk crashed in the Ukraine last weekend killing all passengers and crew, an official Soviet newspaper reported Wednesday.

Conflicting reports on the disaster from Soviet sources in Moscow said up to 150 people died in the crash and indicated that two planes might have been involved.

A senior editor of the Tashkent newspaper *Pravda Vostoka* told reporters by telephone that today's issue carried a brief announcement

of the disaster.

The report said the plane, which carried 171 players and officials of top Soviet soccer team, can downed near the Ukrainian city of Dneprodzerzhinsk, killing everyone on board.

The Tashkent Pakhtakor team eighth in the first division of the Soviet soccer league, were to have played a match against Minsk Dynamo on Monday.

The newspaper gave no further details of the crash and Moscow aviation officials declined to confirm it.

### Former minister

## Shagari leads in Nigerian elections

LONDON, Aug. 15 (Agencies) — With votes in from 16 of Nigeria's 19 states, former Economic Development Minister Alhaji Shehu Shagari was reported Wednesday to have a clear edge in the country's first presidential election after 13 years

of military rule. The ballot is the last leg of a series of elections spread over six weeks to return Nigeria to parliamentary democracy. Votes were cast Saturday.

Lagos Radio, monitored in London, said that with only three

states yet to report, Shagari had gained the required 25 per cent of the vote in 10 states.

To win on the first ballot, a candidate must not only gain the highest number of votes cast but also gain a quarter of the votes in at least two-thirds of the states.

If no clear winner emerges from the first round, a run-off between the two leading candidates will be held this Saturday.

Shagari, 54, is the youngest of the five presidential contenders and the candidate of the main northern-based National Party of Nigeria.

Lagos Radio said Chief Obafemi Awolowo, a 70-year-old barrister and leader of the United Party of Nigeria, had received 23 per cent of the vote in six states.

Former President Nnamdi Azikiwe, a 75-year-old veteran politician who leads the Nigerian People's Party, had captured a quarter of the votes in three states.

## Mobs clash with police in new N. Ireland riots

BELFAST, Aug. 15 (AP) — Protestant mobs clashed with police in two townships in Northern Ireland Tuesday night after a tension-filled day marking the 10th anniversary of British troops moving into the province.

Police said that in the County Antrim port of Larne, about 60 persons protesting a Catholic rally hurled rocks and bottles at police, attacked motorists and broke shop windows.

In the Protestant Waterside

area of Londonderry, security forces were attacked by some 50 youths hurling bottles and rocks, police said.

Armed men hijacked buses in East Belfast and in Newry, 44 miles to the south.

No injuries or deaths were reported Tuesday in the province. Since British troops arrived to keep feuding Protestants and Catholics apart, 301 soldiers, 129 policemen and women, 93 militia and 1,414 civilians have been killed.

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